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## Merchants, Caltrans square off on parking

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Merchants at Del Norte Place had an unpleasant surprise when they came to work. All parking places available to their customers on San Pablo Avenue had been temporarily removed — with no warning. The city of El Cerrito wasn't to blame. The center management, in fact, asked city staff members to help communicate their displeasure to the California Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over San Pablo Avenue, part of the state highway system.

system.

According to community development director Gerry Raycraft, it was on Thursday morning, Oct. 17, that Caltrans' contractor, Ghillotti Bros., installed lane merge arrows along San Pablo Avenue north of the Del Norte BART station. The arrows were located on the block between Knott Avenue and Wall Avenue, in front of Del Norte Place. As a result, all the two-hour on-street parking in front of the center was eliminated.

"We came in that morning and there were no Parking signs up all along the block," said Gary Wong, who owns

Strings Italian Cafe. "Those signs were marked temporary, because of construction, but they really messed us up because they did it without letting anybody know."

"Then the next day, they were took out 'temporary' and marked them permanent."

Merchants and administrator Mindy Walker called Raycraft to ask for intervention.

"Staff immediately contacted Caltrans and explained that the elimination of this parking will have a significant impact on the retailers," said

Raycraft in his weekly staff report to the El Cerrito City Council. "As a result of our phone call, Caltrans has agreed to move the transition (from three lanes to two lanes) to the block north of Cutting Boulevard (Mayfair block)."

"We appreciate Caltrans' cooperation in avoiding a problematic situation."

Everything still looked like "good news" on Monday, when Raycraft praised Caltrans cooperation in making the move. With the merge to two lanes

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## Owners fail to defeat tax district

By Greg Bugunin

ALBANY — With a rap of the vice mayor's gavel, the Albany Tax Protest came to an end Monday night just under halfway short of its goal.

Despite a more than month-long effort by Albany resident Anne Haden and others, an attempt to overturn the assessment district through which Measure R will gather funds fell short as only 23 percent of the city's landowners by area protested. If 50 percent had opposed the district, Measure R would have become ineffective.

The council then formed the assessment district by a 3-0 vote, with Council member Thelma Rubin recusing herself and Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky absent. The move came amid a torrent of accusations and talk of a recall election for council members, harkening back to a time when bad blood and bitterness were Albany politics as usual.

More than 30 people, mostly seniors, spoke at Monday's meeting during a two-hour public hearing which saw the majority of those present protesting the formation of the assessment district. Many urged the council to extend the public hearing, and thus the opportunity to file protests. Others called into question endorsements by Berkeley residents from the Berkeley/Albany Soccer Club, and one, Albany Hill resident Leon Rimov, threatened a recall election for council members next year.

A handful of Measure R proponents also spoke, many to the increasingly vicious tone the debate has taken in recent weeks.

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## Hundreds storm meeting

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Close to 200 teachers and parents took over Tuesday night's school board meeting to lambast the district for failure to offer teachers an adequate salary increase.

The frustrated group took more than an hour and a half of unscheduled meeting time, all the while applauding speakers (mostly parents supporting teachers) and voicing anger toward district officials.

"I'm a parent and I find this

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Parents and teachers crammed into the Cornell multi-use room Tuesday to protest the district's position.

## Council hopefuls vye for votes

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Candidates for the City Council and Treasurer staked out their positions on issues Sunday night at a debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

The debate was the second in a series of two, with the first centered around the handful of ballot measures facing voters in November. The four council candidates took to their previously stated positions and for the most part refuted from challenging one another. Treasurer candidate Tony Denton took the offensive against incumbent Kim Denton in his bid for the only paid position up for election in the election.

Although council candidates were given the opportunity at the end of the debate to pose a question to one of their opponents, council hopeful Jon Ely was the only one

to do so. After opening statements were concluded, Ely asked co-candidate Peggy Thomsen, who is currently a member of the Board of Education, what she would do to improve relations between the City Council and the board in regard to the proposed middle school, a topic which has raised the hackles of many around town in recent months.

"We need to keep talking and indeed we are talking," said Thomsen, without elaborating further. In keeping with what has been a surprisingly polite council race, other candidates passed on the opportunity to pose a question.

The only new issue raised at the debate was that of slowing down traffic on city streets. While Thomsen pointed out that measures such as installing traffic lights involved a lengthy process, Ely and incumbent Bob Good said the police department should step up its enforcement of speeding violations.

"These people speeding through the streets are us," said Ely, pointing to Marin and Solano avenues as two areas where enforcement should be increased.

Candidate Michael Feiner went even further, suggesting that equipment be set up which would photograph speeders, resulting in a ticket-by-mail system. Good said that while speeding was a problem, he was not in favor of installing speed humps on residential streets, a position all the candidates seemed to agree on.

Questions posed to the candidates ranged from their position on the cardroom to how to increase city revenue in the future. Feiner, who has made increased revenue the main thrust of his campaign, called sales tax "the backbone of our budget" and mentioned increased development on San Pablo

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School board candidates include (from left) Dave McMahon, Bill Cain, Jewel Okawachi and Owen Jones.

## School board candidates debate issues

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Candidates for the Board of Education took questions from the public in their first and only debate last Sunday. While questions were fielded with little or no acrimony between candidates, a difference in ideals was apparent.

For instance, candidate Jewel Okawachi strongly favors completion of the new middle school as soon as possible, whereas candidates Dave McMahon and Owen Jones would rather tackle other issues first. The

fourth candidate, Bill Cain, seemed to take a middle road, supporting the need for the new school but pledging to work toward alleviating neighborhood concerns.

Their backgrounds differ as well. Okawachi has a long history of community service, with an emphasis in school and youth related organizations. Cain is a past city council member and served on the city's planning and zoning commission before being removed by Councilmember Elizabeth Baker last year. Jones is a

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## Jones looking to shake it up

By Peggy Thow

ALBANY — School Board candidate Owen H. Jones is a serious walker. The 50-year-old Oakland schoolteacher is currently training for his third marathon walk, a fundraiser for leukemia research, to be held in Honolulu on Dec. 8. Before setting off on his daily training walk, he finds time one afternoon to meet a reporter and talk about the Albany schools.

Early in the interview, Jones asks to clear up one small confusion. In Albany there are at least two men with the name Owen Jones. He is not Owen Jones, the architect, who has children in Albany schools and works on disaster preparedness for the PTA. He is a friend of that Owen Jones, he says. It seems that people have, not surprisingly, sometimes confused the two.

Owen H. Jones, the marathon walker, has lived in Albany since 1970, when he was a student at UC-Berkeley. He and his wife, Sandra, a Berkeley schoolteacher, have been

married 30 years. They raised three children here, and have four grandchildren, whom they see often. Two of their grandchildren attend Cornell School, just down the street from the Jones house.

He feels lucky to have found Albany and to own a house here. He enjoys its peacefulness, he says.

Born in the Philippines, Jones

came to the U.S. when he was 9 years old, starting out in San Francisco and then moving to Oakland, where he attended Oakland public schools.

He received his BA from UC-Berkeley in 1973, and his MA in education from the U.S. International

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Jones pictured with his wife Sandra and grandchildren.

Chester King Vega

## Ex-mayors seeking BART seats

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — It's an undeniably rare election in which two former mayors of El Cerrito are both running for public office. Howard Abelson and Cathie Kosel are candidates for the Bay Area Rapid Transit Board. They're not even running against each other, but you can't vote for both. If elected, each would represent a different portion of El Cerrito as part of the BART districts.

At best, it can be said that BART districts have an unusual configuration.

Kosel was serving as mayor of El Cerrito when she

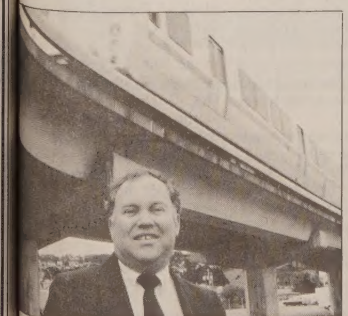
BART District 3 candidate Cathie Kosel

KENSINGTON — Resident Cathie Kosel may be an official newcomer to town, but she has longtime ties to Kensington and the surrounding community. Kosel moved into her late mother's home in July, prompting her resignation as mayor of El Cerrito. Her sister, Janice Kosel, is president of the board of directors of the Kensington Fire District. Kosel is now running for Bay Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors; she hopes to represent the district that includes Kensington, a bit of El Cerrito, the Berkeley and Oakland hills and other jurisdictions in southern Alameda County.

By Dawn Frasier

She is one of two former El Cerrito mayors on the

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BART District 7 candidate Howard Abelson



# Homecoming makes for a 'reality intake'

YOU KNOW THAT TEEVEE commercial for hemorrhoid salve with spikes coming out of the chair seat? That's how my couch feels when I'm watching Bobdole. But I'm a hopeless politics wonk (or possibly merely a masochist). Unlike most of the rest of the country who were apparently watching the ballgame in peace and tranquillity, nothing would do for me except to turn on the so-called debate to see what in heck the old geezer would say next.

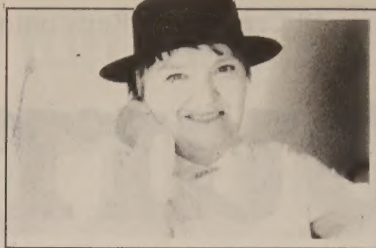
He did get off one good one: "If I were a senior citizen ..." he said. You can tell what he secretly wishes when he dolefully repeats the date he resigned from the Senate and keeps saying "out there in California" when there he is in San Diego. When he comes again to the part where he learned to feed himself and does up his shirt every day with a buttonhook, I have to go to the refrigerator.

Otherwise, he does nothing but repeat, and repeat, the same baseless scurrilities Republican mouthpieces have been loading onto President Clinton since day one. And, alas, not content to stick with my eternally-springing hope that the voters are not stupid, I leave the set on to hear what Shields and Gigot have to say about the fracas.

WHY THE REPUBLICANS ARE so eager to kill PBS is a mystery to me. They've got Buckley, the omnipresent McLaughlin, Arianna Huffington, Washington Week, Inside Washington, etc., all watched over by their favorite corporations, spouting the party line. You know Gigot, of the Wall Street Journal, is going to say Bobdole looked better, scored big points, is gaining in the polls before he says it. And Shields, alleged to be a counterpoint, goes along.

After watching the pundits actually give credence to Bobdole, I was in a pretty bad mood. So I sat down to compose some snarling punditry of my own. Before I recount what happened next, be reminded that one of the Republican candidate's big toots is that our teenagers are boxed out on booze and drugs (not non-addictive nicotine) and it's all President Clinton's fault.

SO I SAT DOWN, WHEN to my wondering ears came the sounds of a todo on Ventura Avenue. My cat William and I rushed to the front window, high above the street, our favorite spot for watching the world go by. Outside we saw eight, ten or more tall people hollering, laughing and cavorting around in



By Phyllis Lyon

the dark. We saw cars, stopping, going, speeding, slowing and playing chicken.

Although I'd heard unpleasant rumors about past float-building brouhahas, it wasn't until the next night when the flat-bed truck pulled up that I caught on. This was homecoming week at Albany High and my street was the site of a dread float-building for Friday's big parade.

THE CREATION UNFOLDED itself through my window like a good mystery story. What was that big black specter going to be? What is that green stuff? I watched and waited in high anticipation until the light of day Friday when all was revealed.

Turns out the theme of this year's homecoming parade was the Wizard of Oz. Our float, for thus did I now think of it, was brilliant in conception and meticulous in execution. There was a big black witch with green face, red pupils in the whites of her eyes, a 10-foot tree with some apples among the green leaves and some fallen on the grass below, a yellow brick road and a huge ruby slipper. As the float created by lofty Seniors, the Class of '97, the sign on the front, in the form of clouds, read, "Surrender Underclassmen."

The only dicy moment came Friday morning when it started to rain on the crepe paper but, lo, the sun came out and the work of art drove off to take its place as the piece de resistance at the end of the parade. Of course nothing would do but that I should hoof over to see my float sailing up Solano Avenue in all its glory.

TRUE, IT WAS NOISY and even messy on my street this week, but I can't remember when there was more fun going on. If this diverse bunch of enthusiastic teenagers were drunk or dopy, I'm Bobdole or a monkey's uncle.

For me float-building turned out to be what I've heard called "reality intake." It improved my mood considerably.

district, while the taxpayers digest the tax increases they will see on their new tax bill they will receive this month.

Jerome Blank  
Albany

## League supports Measure R

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to the Albany City Council:

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville supports ballot Measure R in the upcoming election. This is an advisory measure concerning an annual assessment of \$69 per residence unit for the purchase, improvement and maintenance of open space on Albany Hill, playfields for team sports and creek restoration.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization, meaning that it does not support (or oppose) political parties or candidates running for office. It does, however, support (and oppose) selected ballot measures and proposed legislation, at the national, state and local levels. This support (and opposition) is based on broad positions it has arrived at through study, discussion and consensus of our members.

In the case of ballot Measure R, the League's endorsement derives from a position taken to "Support ... measures for conservation and development of San Francisco Bay and for enhancement and preservation of the bay and its shoreline. Support of measures that ensure adequate parks and open space ..." (League of Women Voters of the Bay Area Positions 1994-1996)

Measure R would enable the City of Albany to restore creeks to their natural state by removing them from underground culverts and would thereby reduce water pollution in creeks and in the waters entering San Francisco Bay. It would also contribute to the expansion and improvement of needed recreation space and park areas available to the community.

It is the League's understanding that, as an annual assessment, the \$69 fee would require action by the City Council each and every year to renew the assessment, and that if it failed approval in any year, the entire program would be canceled. It is our further understanding that each project proposed for funding by the assessment — whether land purchase, improvement, or a maintenance fund — would be

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## Police Reports

### Thief flees after robbing Subway Sandwich

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 the owners of Subway Sandwiches restaurant on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a robbery had just happened. A thief simulated a weapon and demanded money. He then departed going west on Solano Avenue and was gone when officers arrived. The amount taken was known at the time of the report.

On the morning of Oct. 14 officers checked out reports of graffiti at Marin School. There were no witnesses to the vandalism. On the same morning graffiti was found at MacGregor School also.

On the afternoon of Oct. 15 the owners of a business on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway requested officers patrol his area and talk to the people living at the homeless camp near him because they were begging and causing a nuisance at his business.

Officers and fire fighters responded to reports of smoke coming from a window in an apartment in the UC Village on the afternoon of Oct. 15. The cause was a pot on the stove and was taken care of.

During the week there were 12 reports of noise or disturbances from houses where students were building floats for the homecoming parade.

On the morning of Oct. 16 a resident on the 1400 block of Washington Avenue reported that his house was TP'd and his cars were sprayed with shaving cream

during the night. He also reported that this had happened three times this week. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Oct. 16 a resident on the 900 block of Pomona Avenue reported that sometime during the morning hours a thief entered his back yard and stole his locked bicycle. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Oct. 16 a woman on the 600 block of San Gabriel Street reported that her gym bag had been stolen from her unlocked car between 3 and 5 p.m. the day prior. Besides clothes and personal items, the bag contained a cassette recorder. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of Oct. 16 a woman on the 1100 block of Neilson Street reported seeing a male teenager hiding under her stairs as she returned home. He was one when officers arrived.

There were several complaints from neighbors of loud noise from a concert at Albany Middle School on the evening of Oct. 16.

On the afternoon of Oct. 17 a resident on the 500 block of Kains Avenue reported that thieves broke into his car and stole his radio. There were no witnesses.

At about 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 18 a resident on the 800 block of Adams Street reported observing either a person or an animal rolling on the driveway to a parking lot causing dogs in the neighborhood to bark. Officers contacted a Los Angeles woman and an Oakland man who were engaged in a "passionate encounter." They

were interrupted and sent away with a reprimand.

On the evening of Oct. 16 a resident on the 900 block of Neilson Street reported that thieves broke into her car and stole 20 CDs and cash from it. There were no witnesses.

On the night of Oct. 16 a resident on the 1300 block of Marin Avenue reported that he returned from a trip and discovered that his 1984 Chevy Camaro was missing. There were no witnesses. The vehicle was located a couple blocks from his home the afternoon of Oct. 19.

On the morning of Oct. 19 officers and fire fighters responded to reports of smoking from a house in the 1500 block of Albany Terrace. Fire fighters found a small fire in the living room and extinguished it. There were no injuries and no damage.

On the night of Oct. 19 a resident on the 900 block of Kains Avenue reported that while on the phone a thief entered his house and stole her purse. There was gone when officers arrived.

During the week of Oct. 16 Albany officers fingerprinted eight people at their request. Four cars, responded to 15 domestic disputes, responded to 30 alarms, attended 13 lost, maimed or deceased animals, assisted people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to five reports of barking dogs. The Albany fire fighters responded to 15 emergency medical and fire.

### Battery thrown through car window in EC

By Dawn Frasier

ELCERRITO — Someone threw a battery through a vehicle window at San Pablo Avenue and Waldo Street at 9:35 a.m. Oct. 10, injuring the driver, a Richmond resident.

A Richmond man was robbed on the BART pathway, 1800 block. Someone knocked him down and grabbed his cash at about 7:30 a.m. Oct. 16. No suspect description is available.

A Richmond man was arrested for possession of stolen property. He is accused of taking a vehicle without permission, using it to evade pursuing officers, then abandoning it. The vehicle then struck a parked patrol vehicle. The incident occurred at 12:33 a.m. Oct. 17 at San Pablo and Manila.

A Fremont man was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon/handgun. The incident occurred in an apartment complex in the 6500 block of Donal at about 8:10 p.m. Oct. 15.

A Richmond male juvenile was detained by the victim after crashing a stolen car into the victim's vehicle. The incident occurred at Eastshore Boulevard and San Pablo Avenue at about 2:15 p.m. Oct. 17.

An El Cerrito woman was arrested for driving under the influence in the 10000 block of San Pablo Avenue at 5:20 p.m. Oct. 11 following a traffic collision. An El Cerrito man was arrested at San Pablo Avenue and Knott Oct. 15 at 9:10 p.m., also following a traffic accident.

Also arrested for driving under the influence were a Richmond man at Potrero and San Pablo Avenue (12:15 a.m. Oct. 12), a Pinole

woman at San Pablo and Conlon (12:36 a.m. Oct. 7), a Richmond man in the 600 block of Albemarle (12:35 a.m. Oct. 8), a Richmond man at San Pablo and Stockton (11:45 p.m. Oct. 16), and a Vallejo man in the 10300 block of San Pablo (Oct. 4). In the latter incident, a passenger in the vehicle was also arrested for being drunk in public.

A San Pablo woman and a Richmond man were arrested for possession of methamphetamines for sale at Merced and South 56th Street at 2:36 a.m., Oct. 11.

A Richmond man was arrested for possession of marijuana, methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia, then giving a false name to the police officer, in the 5300 block of Rheem Avenue at 10 a.m., Oct. 11.

An El Cerrito woman was arrested for possession of methamphetamines at San Pablo and Huber at 2:15 a.m., Oct. 15.

Electronic and miscellaneous items were reported stolen from a residence under construction in the 1300 block of Arlington Boulevard between Oct. 12 and 14.

Six thefts from vehicles were reported. A stereo and CD changer were taken from a vehicle parked in the 700 block of Liberty between Oct. 4 and 11. Someone smashed a vehicle window in the 1500 block of Kearney between 8:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Oct. 16 and then stole 50 cents.

A keyboard was taken from a car parked in the 6600 block of Hagen Boulevard during the night of Oct. 14. Cellular phones were taken from a pickup truck parked on Tassajara at Barrett during the daytime Oct. 10 and a car parked in the 600 block

of Elm Street during the daytime evening Oct. 6.

A portable stereo was taken from a vehicle parked at El Cerrito on the afternoon or evening of Oct. 15.

Someone threw a rock through a residential window in the block of Portola Drive during daytime Oct. 11.

A vehicle window was broken in the 500 block of Everett between 12:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. Oct. 13. The vandal had thrown victim's trash can through the window.

A vehicle window was broken in the 6500 block of Stockton during the evening of Oct. 14. A window was cracked in the 1100 block of Richmond Street between Oct. 8 and 9.

A window was smashed at Red Union during the night of Oct. 7.

Someone marked Hasting Elementary School with graffiti between Oct. 11 and 14.

PGE wires and phone wires were cut at an Ivy Court residence Oct. 10.

A small tree belonging to the city of El Cerrito was taken from the ground in the 500 block of Ashbury during the daytime Oct. 14.

Shoplifters were arrested. Lucky, El Cerrito Plaza (two El Cerrito men), Safeway (two El Cerrito men), an El Cerrito man, an Oakland man, who fought the security officer, and two Richmond male juveniles and a Richmond female juvenile were arrested.

One case of domestic violence was reported.

## Letters to the Editor

### Measures provide adequate tax

Editor:  
My wife and I are octogenarians. We have been El Cerrito homeowners for nigh onto a half-century. We are convinced that business and industry are attracted to a community which provides a blight-free environment, sound infrastructure, continuing police and fire protection, adequate park and recreation facilities and programs, and a superior public education system by adequately taxing itself.

That is why we enthusiastically support Measures G and H, the fire suppression and lighting assessments.

Dan Freudenthal  
El Cerrito

### Don't vote for unknowns

Editor:  
I oppose the formation of a new assessment district for the acquisition of open space on Albany Hill, creek restoration, and recreational playfields. While any one of the above could be a worthy project, Albany citizens need more information on what property is to be bought, how much is to be paid, and for how long.

In the past, major capital acquisitions for the city, and school district, have been financed by a bond issue, which requires a two-thirds vote. The present proposal is to form a second Lighting and Landscape District, adding a new tax which presently does not require a public vote. However, the city can apparently use this device to finance a bond issue, obligating the taxpayers to a 20-year bond.

The council should give the taxpayers a breathing spell from new taxes and fees. Most city permits and fees were raised last July, a few as much as 50 percent and 100 percent. Property taxes go up at least 2 percent per year, and the list of assessments on the right-hand side of the tax bill keeps increasing. We already are paying an increasing sewer tax to replace our antiquated sewers.

Therefore, I suggest that the council cancel this new district and give taxpayers the chance to vote individually on any worthy capital project, but only after the cost and location of land is known and publicized.

In the meantime, each property owner can simply send in the notice received from the city, and write on it, "I protest," sign his or her name, and send it in immediately to City Hall. If 50 percent of the owners protest, there will be no new assessment

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## High school readies for mock election

ALBANY — Over 500 students at Albany and MacGregor high schools are exercising their democratic muscles as the National Student Mock Election returns to the Bay. On Oct. 30, joined by high school students in Berkeley and Emeryville, these young people will have the opportunity to vote on the same candidates and measures faced by registered voters on Nov. 5.

The driving force behind this season in democracy is the League of Women Voters, Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville. League spokesperson and election coordinator Anne Wallace stresses the importance of demystifying the voting process for young people.

"The goal of the Mock Election is to prepare students to be informed and active voters. In recent years, young people have been staying away from the polls and progressively larger numbers of them we're trying to halt," she said.

Visiting the classrooms, volunteers have registered close to half of their fellow students at AHS and all the students at MacGregor.

Teachers in these classes have access to sample ballots, LWV-published "Pros & Cons," and the "Easy Reading Voter Guide" with which to prepare their students to vote.

This is the second phase of this voter education process, which began locally March 21, with the Primary Mock Election. Albany students who vote in the Oct. 30 Mock Election will be among millions of U.S. students participating in the national event.

Voting on Oct. 30 will take place in the libraries of AHS and MacGregor. After the polls close, results will be tallied at the Claremont Branch Library in Berkeley and released to the media. CNN will cover national results during a live broadcast that evening.

For more information on Albany's Mock Election, contact Ann Wallace at 848-6893.



Chester King Vega

## Homecoming finale

Last Friday's annual Albany High School Homecoming parade and afternoon football game signaled the end of Homecoming week with students' spirits running high during the parade down Solano Avenue (above).

## ■ Newsline

### El Cerritan honored

EL CERRITO — Hossain Bayat is being honored for winning the Wells Fargo Bank President's Award for Community and Education Volunteers in recognition of outstanding personal service to the community.

Bayat created one of the most advanced computer labs in the West Contra Costa County school district with donated equipment and volunteer time. Using his skills and personal time, he installed 35 PCs and educational software, and trained teachers on the use of the equipment and software at Harding Elementary School, El Cerrito.

Bayat has donated the \$10,000 to Harding Elementary School to support further expansion of the computer lab.

### Haunts wanted

Are you or someone in your neighborhood planning to decorate for Halloween? Let The Journal know about it! Send the address and a brief description to

P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, Ca. 94530 or leave a message at 236-9243.

The Journal is planning a special tribute to local halloween haunts in its Oct. 31 edition.

### Hill workday set

ALBANY — Friends of Albany Hill will be sponsoring their eighth Urban Forestry workday of the year on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the northern slope of the hill. Removing German ivy from the oak woodland before the winter rains is the focus. Should there be rain on Saturday, the group will move into the oak canopy to remove Algerian ivy. You do not have to be an Albany resident to participate.

Meet at Creekside Park between the oak woodland and Cerrito Creek on the Northern Slope path. Please bring garden clippers or trowel.

For information, call Carole Fitzgerald at 528-3236.

### BART open house set

EL CERRITO — An open house will be held at the Del

Norte BART station Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to commemorate the grand opening for BART's Police Zone Headquarters facility.

BART Director Willie B. Kennedy, who represents the El Cerrito area, will be on hand to greet the public.

The day's events will include an hourly drawing for "The Club," anti-car theft device, free BART police whistles, a K-9 demonstration and BART's free photo Ident-a-kid, offering parents the opportunity to have a photo and fingerprint file of their children.

### DAR meets in Kensington

KENSINGTON — The next Daughters of the American Revolution meeting will be held at the Kensington Youth Hut, Nov. 2.

Bring your own lunch and beverage.

Socializing begins at 12 p.m. Meeting will start at 12:45 with Elaine Renas, who will speak about the first doctor in Contra Costa County.

# Albany council OKs housing agreement

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The City Council took another step toward bringing affordable housing to the site of the Villa Motel last week by signing a disposition and development agreement with non-profit developer Resources for Community Development.

The agreement, which was approved by a 3-1 vote with Councilmember Bob Good opposed, sets the parameters under which Berkeley-based RCD will receive a loan of approximately \$95,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds.

According to Jack Gardner, executive director for RCD, the developer has received preliminary approval for more than two-thirds of the grants it needs to apply for low-income housing tax credits, which will complete financing of the project. He said RCD hopes to purchase the once drug- and prostitute-ridden motel property by the end of the year.

RCD has already received a \$15,000 grant from the city to conduct various studies on the property. If all goes as planned, construction will begin in October 1997, and will be completed within a year.

The council's action came with some debate as Good, who voted against the project at a previous meeting, continued his opposition.

After calling the loan, which will accrue interest at a rate of 3 percent with payments not beginning for 30 years, "almost a gift," Good went on to challenge the project's location, cost-effectiveness, and approach in general to the affordable housing problem, saying \$1,000 a month could be given to each tenant of the 16-unit apartment complex for 20 years with the money being spent on the \$2.5 million project.

"For me, this project has problems with its philosophy, with its financing, and with its fitness for the location," he said.

The rest of the council challenged Good's assertions. Councilmember Thelma Rubin said she was "puzzled" at Good's statement about the loan being little more than a gift, saying the veterans' loan she received after World War II to purchase her home

could also be considered somewhat gift-like.

Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky called the debate a difference of opinion on a matter of public policy. "I can't say enough in favor of this," he said. He also said providing the \$95,000 as a grant as opposed to a loan, the normal procedure in such matters, would have been acceptable to him.

Among the few audience members speaking in favor of the project was Albany resident Dario Meniketti, who pointed out that the loan will be repaid with interest. None spoke against.

According to Gardner, RCD will interview all prospective tenants and screen them for history of bad credit, drug abuse and violent criminal offenses. He said RCD would advertise the apartments in local newspapers, among other places, and could expect between five and 10 applicants per unit.

He also responded to Good's assertion about giving the money to prospective tenants and letting them find their own housing, saying the project will be built to last 80-100 years. "When we use taxpayers' money, we built it to last," he said.

The project, to be called the Creekside Apartments, will contain 16 one- to three-bedroom units priced between \$250-\$650 a month. It will also include restoration of a portion of Codornices Creek.

### Proposition 209 opposed

The only other action to receive any significant comment during council session was a resolution, passed by the same 3-1 vote, to oppose Proposition 209, which would essentially put an end to affirmative action programs in California. "This is political football, and we should not play that game," Good said.

Other council members disagreed. "For me, this is a straightforward moral and ethical stand," Rubin said.

According to City Administrator Daren Fields, if Prop. 209 were to pass, it would render the city's policy of recruitment advertising in newsletters targeting black and female firefighters illegal. Albany currently has no firefighters from either group, Fields said.

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## Good people, good music, good causes

Mojgan didn't want to talk about herself; she wanted to talk about Iranian women and the organization she belongs to that works with and for Iranian women, both here and in her native country of Iran.

The Association of Iranian Women, of Northern California, are concerned about the lack of freedom of the women of Iran since the revolution that overthrew the Shah and brought back the subjugation of its women. She speaks of the ruling that all women must wear scarves in public, hiding everything but their eyes. She speaks, also, of the fact that women cannot travel without the permission of their husbands or the male head of the household.

She speaks of the fact that women cannot attend the university unless permitted to do so by the male authority figure. She must be a "good" Muslim and an obedient one. No woman can be a lawyer or a judge, although in the past they have been both.

Here, of course, "we have rights. We are equals." But, she says, it is very hard to get this information to the women of Iran, although they continue to try.

Mojgan has been here for about 17 years, having come at the time of the revolution. She finished her education here, studying architecture in the hopes of some day returning to her homeland and helping to rebuild it physically and politically.

Which, she says, is what saddens her. The people there, especially the women, are afraid of politics. The government does not want the women to get involved politically. "I think about it a lot," she says, "and it makes me very sad. They do not have an easy life, and that bothers me." And she adds, "That is why I can't just live for myself, why I, and other women like me, have joined together to try to do what we can for the women of Iran. You must care about other people."

Mojgan would rather not be identified. She lives in Albany and is delighted to bring her children up here. They attend Albany schools, and she takes part in the community.

The Association of Iranian Women also try to help their countrywomen

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



here. She tells about a young woman in Sacramento who has recently discovered that she has leukemia. The fact that she is only 24 years old pulls at the heartstrings of Mojgan and her fellows. They are trying to raise money to pay for her surgery. She says there are many instances when the association helps Iranian women, especially those who are new to the country. They help them understand the United States and the new freedom they find here.

The necessity for women to wear the scarves really bothers this woman, who is quietly but smartly dressed when she comes to meet with me. She feels that this is indicative of the whole problem of making women second-class citizens.

As noted, Mojgan doesn't want to be identified, but feels that she is one of many Iranian women living in the United States who are concerned about their friends and relatives in their home country and want to help them in any way they can. They are trying to do it through the Association of Iranian Women, which is a supporter of N.C.R. The telephone number of the Association of Iranian Women is 528-0605, which is also their fax number.

The Young Musicians Program, of which I have written previously, gave a program for the East Bay League of the San Francisco Symphony, and the young performers delighted the members. Unfortunately, Melanie Lee, a soprano who was to sing, had fallen prey to the flu so prevalent now. But Nicholas Ruth, who played the classical guitar, and Yvonne Barrozo, a fine pianist, were a joy to hear.

Marsha Jaeger, Director, spoke to the members about the program, which is presented by the University of California. As noted previously, the program gives talented young people from low-income families the founding of teaching and training that

they must have to go on with their music. It is a wonderful program.

And Marsha Jaeger noted that a concert which will be held on Dec. 17 at Yoshi's in North Oakland will be taped and become their first album. No further information is available at this time, but we will keep you informed.

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The November Friday Forum, which will be held on Nov. 1, sounds most interesting. Dr. Bertram Gross, former Executive Secretary of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers, and distinguished professor emeritus of the City University of New York, will discuss "From Toot to Taboo: Full Employment and a Decent Job as a Human Right." Sounds fascinating to me, and I wish I could attend.

ALL always has a reception and coffee hour following the presentation (at the North Berkeley Senior Center, at 1:15 p.m.), and the discussions during the reception are always heated and exciting.

You can learn more about ALL by writing to Alternative Lifelong Learning, P.O. Box 9293, Berkeley, 94709-0293.

Thank you, Jewel Okawachi for telling me about Mojgan. I wish I could have presented this quiet, determined woman to you, but I must accept her request for anonymity.

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considered and acted upon by the City Council at a public meeting.

If any of this information is incorrect, we would like to know about it immediately.

Anne Henderson, president, LWV Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville

## District's position with ATA

Editor:

I want to update employees and the community on the status of negotiations between the District and the Albany Teachers' Association.

It has been distressing this year to hear misinformation such as teachers are "working without a contract." There is a signed, viable contract in place that does not expire until June 30, 1997. The current lack of agreement relates to seven of the 30 articles within the contract, one of which is salary.

Even more distressing are the statements that the District is unwilling to negotiate. Since Nov. 2, 1995, there have been 13 negotiating meetings attended by the District and ATA. Including time spent outside of those negotiating sessions, the District has spent well over 100 hours on negotiations over the last ten months and continues to remain willing to negotiate.

Several times over the course of negotiations, one side or the other has declared an impasse. A Declaration of Impasse, when filed with the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), begins a process where PERB finds that an actual impasse exists and appoints a mediator to assist the parties in reaching a resolution. To date, the impasse process has never reached the level of having a mediator appointed and the parties have each time agreed to resume negotiations on their own.

Albany Unified School District is prepared to file impasse papers with PERB because the ATA Negotiations Update published on Sept. 13, stated that the latest District proposal was rejected. However, the District agreed to conduct joint budget reviews with a California Teachers Association (CTA) budget expert to review the budget. The District Business Manager and the CTA expert have met three times through the week of Sept. 30, with agreement to continue the process. These meetings are necessary because the Business Manager, who has only been with the District since Sept. 1 is assessing the budget and the District's financial situation relative to the 1995/96 ending fund balance and the new funds allocated by the State for 1996/97. The District and the ATA agreed to hold the impasse proceedings in abeyance until these meetings are concluded.

It is the District's hope that after the series of meetings between the Business Manager and the CTA financial expert, negotiations will resume and be fruitful. The decision to proceed with impasse will be determined at that time. It is not in the best interest of the children in the District that negotiations remain

unsettled. I am optimistic that with the cooperation of the ATA, a speedy settlement is possible. I am committed to having a mediator help us if necessary to reach resolution to this situation as soon as possible.

Superintendent of Schools

## The most sense for merchants

Editor:

We have been a merchant at the El Cerrito Plaza for the past 36 years. We feel it is imperative that an anchor be attracted to the El Cerrito Plaza that will generate traffic. It is necessary to expedite this process in a timely manner in order to retain the tenants still operating at the El Cerrito Plaza.

The El Cerrito Plaza Company redevelopment plan to build Wal-Mart at the Plaza makes the most sense for the merchants. Wal-Mart will bring a tremendous increase in foot traffic at the Plaza and that will be great for business.

We are very fortunate to service such a great residential community as we do at the El Cerrito Plaza. They deserve an active shopping center, as it is important to this community for the past 38 years. City should act fast and bring us a good anchor store (Wal-Mart) soon.

Herb Foley, Foley & Distinctive Merchants, El Cerrito

## Vote for what you want

Editor:

I am not an activist nor am I in the habit of writing letters to newspapers. In the past I have always voted for one of the two major political parties. I have no particular loyalties to any one party and try to vote based on what platform is being pushed.

I am disgusted with attempts of the political candidates and the media to lock-out any third party participation from the debates and to purchase and read a quote that summed up my feelings. I read, "We cannot allow a small, unelected, elite group of decision-makers to arbitrarily restrict the choices of voters." It is quickly becoming my belief that the Powers That Be in Washington are more concerned with preserving their two party political machine than acting the voice of the public which they represent. Now even the media, a group known for selling anything for a buck, is joining in the lock-out. For the first time in my life I will vote for a third party candidate. I will also boycott and encourage my friends to boycott the debates.

If I had been left to listen to the dribble of the individual candidates, any third party candidate

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## Viewpoint

## Task force majority stands behind El Cerrito measures

We are an overwhelming majority of the El Cerrito Neighborhood-To-Neighbor Service Finance Task Force. We support Measure G, the information of the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment, and Measure H, the Fire Suppression Assessment.

Here is what we learned about the El Cerrito budget. City money is not used in the redevelopment process. Redevelopment pays for itself from the additional property tax it generates. By law, this money cannot be used for city services unrelated to development. Also, redevelopment generates new taxes for the city's general fund, which the city can and does use to pay for services. If there were no redevelopment, the city would have fewer dollars to spend on services, not more.

Part of the city budget is non-revolutionary, consisting of fees and grants for dedicated and

mandated programs. The general fund makes up the rest of the budget. The cost of police and fire protection is about 85 percent of the services paid by the general fund. The general fund also pays for insurance, accounting, payroll, and other essential costs which support public safety services.

Even at their current minimal levels, police, fire, and their support services cost the city over \$800 annually per household. However, following the state grab of our revenues, the city's average annual share of property and sales taxes is only \$500 per household. The city receives only 22 cents of every property tax dollar, and sales tax of only one percent per dollar on taxable purchases in the city. Property and sales taxes are about 55 percent of the general fund, far less than the 85 percent spent on police and fire services. Every year the city must cover the difference by cutting other

services. This de-stabilizes city finances. We need permanent revenue stability to ensure continued services.

The state will soon take almost another half million dollars from our general fund. This money will be lost every year, not just once. Neither city reserves nor fee increases can make up this loss, and there is no waste to cut. With 85 percent of the general fund spent on police and fire protection, these services will be cut once again. Yet, these services are already below acceptable levels.

The city has fewer firefighters than other Bay Area cities of comparable size. With further cuts, a six-minute response time cannot be maintained. Longer response times for medical and fire emergencies significantly increase the risk of death and property destruction, and can lead to homeowner insurance rate

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## All about Measure R

What is Measure R?

Measure R is the Open Space, Playing Field, and Creek Restoration funding measure on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Who supports Measure R?

Measure R is endorsed by the League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club, Save San Francisco Bay Association, Assemblyman Tom Bates, Citizens for the Eastshore State Park, the Albany Little League, the Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club, the Planning and Conservation League, and many more environmental organizations and Albany community leaders.

What will Measure R do?

Measure R will fund construction of new athletic playing fields and improvement of existing ones; it will fund creek restoration projects; it will pay for the purchase of undeveloped scenic woodlands on Albany Hill currently in the hands of developers.

Where will the new playing fields be located?

Measure R is not limited to use at one location. New fields will be planned and built with the advice of the Albany Little League, Albany-Berkeley Girls' Softball League, and Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club. Specific sites for new fields include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) Land within University Village that will become available when University Village is remodeled in the

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By Mike Brodsky  
Albany



near future.

2) Land to the south of University Village that is currently vacant and for sale.

3) Land to the west of University Village that is currently vacant.

4) Vacant land on Cleveland Avenue.

Is it true new fields could be built just over Albany's borders?

Yes. In fact, the Albany High football field is now located just over the border in El Cerrito and has been there for many years. This field could be redesigned and reconstructed to provide expanded playing areas for football, baseball, and soccer. Use of Measure R money for this project would benefit the School District, the city, and all our youth sports clubs.

What land on Albany Hill will be purchased?

Again, Measure R is not restricted to one piece of property, or earmarked for any one property owner. However, it is specific. It may only be used to purchase land in the undeveloped woodland area that provides significant natural habitat and scenic views of Albany Hill from Albany and all over the East Bay. The area of

green forest that still remains on Albany Hill is the land that can be acquired with Measure R funds.

Where will the creek restoration projects be?

Albany's five creeks all have potential restoration sites. The City of Albany will develop a watershed management and creek restoration plan. With public input and expert advice from biologists, hydrologists, and other scientists, restoration projects will be designed one at a time over many years. This is a long-term project that will be implemented only with careful planning. First restoration projects will probably include Codornices Creek from San Pablo Avenue to the Bay Trail and Cerrito Creek from the BART linear path to the Bay Trail.

Could creek restoration projects involve creeks on our border?

Yes. In fact, Cerrito Creek and Codornices Creek are on our borders with El Cerrito and Berkeley. This is a big financial advantage. Since we share these creeks with our neighboring cities, we can split the cost of

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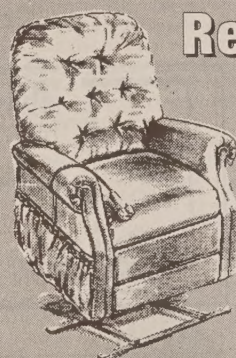
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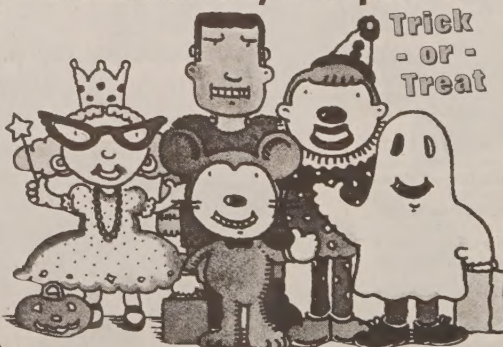
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**Albany Community Orchestra:** Weekly rehearsals are held each Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. in the music room at Albany High School. New members are welcome and auditions are not required. 559-6580.

**Albany YMCA,** 921 Kains, \$3. 547-6355 or 769-9759. International Folk Dance Series meet Fridays from 8 to 11 p.m. Oct. 26: Halloween at the Fun House Carnival, 2-6 p.m. 25 cents per game.

**Berkeley City Club,** 2315 Durant Ave. 848-7800. Oct. 27: Architectural tour of the Berkeley City Club from noon to 4 p.m. \$2 per person, under 12 free. Oct. 25: Alex Saragoza will speak on "Mexico at the Brink" at noon luncheon.

**Berkeley Design Advocates** meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Edy's Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. 552-0440.

**Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists'** Lifespan Learning Program at 1606 Bonita Ave. at Cedar St. Tuesdays, through Dec. 12: Fun and Healing through Memory Writing from 2-4 p.m. Facilitator: Tim Ross, 655-5646. A donation of \$45 is suggested, but no one will be denied participation. Child care included in fee. Through Nov. 12: "Meditation and Stress Management" every Tuesday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$97-1862. \$30 suggested donation. Through Oct. 30: "Clowning Workshop and Halloween Party for all Ages" each Wednesday, 525-0251. \$5 suggested donation.

**Berkeley Hiking Club,** Oct. 27: Back creek/ Mitchell Canyon on Mt. Diablo. 944-9068. Mini hike—San Leandro Bay. 465-3225.

**Berkeley Marina Marriott Hotel,** 200 Marina Blvd. Oct. 27: Berkeley Crush Festival, a wine and food extravaganza, from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. \$25. Tickets available at 1834 University Ave. or by calling 549-7003.

**North Berkeley Senior Center,** 1901 Hearst MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107. Oct. 24: Look Sharp, Accentuate Your Positive Features through color and fashion with Dixie Reese at 1 p.m. Oct. 25: Video: "An Evening with the Royal Ballet" at 1 p.m. Oct. 29: The Medical Results of Exercise with Dr. Somkin at 1:15 p.m. Oct. 30: The Forum on Current Paratransit Service co-hosted by the Berkeley Commission on Aging and the Berkeley Commission on Disability at 1:15 p.m. Oct. 31: Halloween Party—a four-piece band will play for listening and dancing at 1:15 p.m.

**Claremont Branch** of the Berkeley Public Library, 2940 Benvenue, 644-6880. Oct. 28: Spine-tinting stories for children ages 6 and up, at 3:30 p.m.

**North Branch** of the Berkeley Public Library, 1170 The Alameda. Oct. 31: Spine-tinting stories for children ages 6 and up, at 3:30 p.m.

**South Branch** of the Berkeley Public Library, 1901 Russell St. and MLK Way. 644-6860. Tuesdays through Nov. 12: Story hour for children ages 2-5 at 10 a.m. Oct. 24: Spine-tinting stories for children ages 6 and up, at 3:30 p.m. Program on the "East Bay Labor Movement and the Sleeping Car Porters" from 7:30-9 p.m. Oct. 26: book sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 644-6095.

**West Branch** of the Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University, 644-6870. Oct. 30: Spine-tinting stories for children ages 6 and up, at 3:30 p.m.

**Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center,** 1414 Walnut St. Third Sunday of every month: Cafe Europa, an intergenerational discussion group for Holocaust survivors and children of survivors will meet from 3 to 5 p.m. 704-7475. Oct. 26: Barry Weintraub—Campaign '96, at 8 p.m. Members: advance \$10, \$12 at the door. Non-members: advance \$15, \$17 at the door.

**Black Oak Books,** 1491 Shattuck Ave. 486-0698. All events are free and at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise scheduled. Oct. 24: Craig Leslie, *The Sky Fisherman*. Oct. 26: Anthony Storr, *Feet of Clay: Saints, Sinners and Madmen: A Study of Gurus*. Oct. 27: Monique Burgerhof-Mulder, *I've Been Gone Far Too Long: Scientists' Worst Trips*. Oct. 28: Alicia Ostrik, *The Crack in Everything*. Oct. 29: Isabelle Maynard, *China Dreams: Growing Up Jewish in Tientsin*. Oct. 30: Leonard Nathan, *Diary of a Left-Handed Birdwatcher*.

**Cafe Crayon,** 1309 Solano Ave. 527-4475. Wednesday nights: Free chess club for kids. Lessons by coach Robert Haines. Please bring a chess set. Second Tuesday of each month: Healthy Baby Workshops from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Cal Postmasters** meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at 120 C Bechtel Hall, UC Berkeley campus.

**Center for Psychological Studies,**

1398 Solano Ave. 524-0291. Oct. 25: Lecture from noon-1:30 p.m. titled "From Dependence to Interdependence: An Application of Attachment Theory to Adult Relationships." Free.

**Community Cares Service Bank.** Orientation meetings for new members will be held on Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church; and Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. at the South Berkeley Senior Center. 644-8978.

**Contra Costa Hills Club.** Oct. 24: Fremont Hike. 782-0786 or 562-2647. Oct. 27: Walk of S.F.'s Russian and Telegraph Hills. 415-467-6167.

**Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore,** 1385 Shattuck Ave. 843-3533. All programs free and at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 24: Jaimie Jensen, *Road Trip USA: Cross Country Adventures on America's Two-Lane Highways*. Oct. 29: Jeff Greenwald, *Shopping for Buddhas*.

**Evans Hall, Room 10,** on the UCB campus across from the clocktower. Oct. 24: "An Evening with Dr. Owens Wiwa," 10 Evans Hall, 7 p.m. \$10. 601-0182 or 642-2175. Oct. 29: Yehudah Amichai, Israel's leading poet, at 7:30 p.m.

**Farmer's Market,** Center St. at MLK Jr. Way. Oct. 26: Booksigning/cooking demonstration by Laxmi Hiremath, author of *Laxmi's Vegetarian Kitchen*, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**First Unitarian Church,** 1 Lawson Rd.-Moeser Ln. at Arlington, Kensington. Oct. 28: Gaby Burkert will talk about Louise Grunewald-Grenow and her Widow Quilts, at 7:30 p.m. Members free, nonmembers \$3.

**Gaia Books,** 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172. All events \$3 and at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Oct. 24: Stephen Harold Buhner, *Sacred Plant Medicine*. Oct. 25: Eric Maisel, *Affirmations for Artists*. Oct. 26: Affirming the Creative Life—A Writing Workshop, from 10-4 p.m. Oct. 27: The Ideas of Caroline Myss, an experiential group facilitated by Syd Strong from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 28: Misha Ruth Cohen, *The Chinese Way to Healing*. Oct. 29: Susan Griffin, *The Eros of Everyday Life*. Oct. 30: Sam Keen and David Marshall, *Your Mythic Journey*. Oct. 31: Barbara Hand Clow, *Platidian Agenda*.

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## 'Shopping for Buddhas'

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**Gentle Wind/Turning Point,** a non-profit world healing project, presents "The Tao of the 21st Century," a unique healing technology, during a two-hour seminar, 3 to 5 p.m., on Oct. 27. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Free. Pre-register at 408-469-9605.

**Holiday Wreath Class:** Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 to 9 p.m. with Janet Farina of Freshly Cut. Builders Booksstore, 1817 Fourth St., Berkeley. \$15. Call 845-6874 for reservations.

**International House,** 2299 Piedmont Ave. 642-9490. Oct. 24: Concert—"Trails and Highways: Songs of the Road" at 8 p.m. I-House members free, general \$3. 642-9460.

**Israeli folk dancing** 8 to midnight, Wednesdays at El Cerrito Veteran Building, 6401 Stockton, El Cerrito. 231-0959.

**Kensington 55-plus Activity Center,** open Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

Oct. 24, 11 a.m.: "Sedona." Frances Beniam shows a video on Sedona, Ariz. Lois Kadosh, real estate broker, speaks. Oct. 31: "South Africa, Pt. 2." at 11 a.m. Eleanor Wharton leads Great Books Discussion on Congreve's *The Way of the World* from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

**Kensington Recreation Center,** First and third Thursdays of each month: East Bay Collectors Club meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. Stamp collecting, postal history and all related matters. 465-6266 or 526-5397.

**La Peña Cultural Center,** 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568. Oct. 26: Las Mascaritas Puppet Theater, English and Spanish program. 10:30 a.m. \$3 adult, \$2 children. Oct. 27: The Eternal Quest for Manhood—a black men's workshop,

discussion group led by Richard Moore. 3-5 p.m. \$5 donation. Oct. 30: Open mic poetry in the cafe, with guest host Aya de Leon. 7:30. \$2 donation.

**Lawrence Hall of Science,** Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak Blvd. 642-5132. Saturdays and Sundays: Hol Plan- etarium at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$2 per ticket. Saturdays: Computer Lab at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$5 per adult/child team. Recommended for children 5 and up. Free stargazing from nightfall to 11 p.m. Through Jan. 19: "Brain Games," a colorful, interactive exhibition featuring

games designed to stimulate your mind. Oct. 26: Bones, Bones, Bones! from 11 a.m. for ages 5-10 and adults. \$3. Halloween Party from 6-10 p.m. 5134.

**Live Oak Park,** 1301 Shattuck. Through Oct. 30: Berrymen Folk Dance Class on Wednesday 7:45-9:45 p.m. \$20 for 8 weeks. 841-1205.

**Market Day/Sidewalk Sale** at Shattuck (between Rose and Shattuck). Oct. 26: Sidewalk sales from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$5 entrance fee for each "Dog."

**Martin Luther King Jr. School,** 1781 Rose St. Oct. 26: Zinn, speaking on "The Possibility of Hope" at 7:30 p.m. \$10 advance door. A benefit for the Middle Children's Alliance.

**159 Mulford Hall,** U.C. Berkeley campus. Oct. 25: Wallace Chung, M.D., will give a lecture on Medicine in China at 8 p.m. Free.

**New School of Berkeley,** 1818 Shattuck St. 548-9165. Oct. 26: Bazaar from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Nyingma Institute,** 1818 Shattuck Place, Berkeley. 843-6812. Oct. 26: Open House from 3-7 p.m. Buddhist monks will describe and show the Buddhist universities that flourish in India, from 6-7 p.m.

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# Initiatives compete over cause for removal

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Those who miss the days when accusations of flawed legal positions and City Council misconduct sprang up like grass after a good winter rain need look no further than Measures O and Q, a pair of city initiatives which relate to the appointment and removal of citizen volunteers.

The two initiatives stem from Councilmember Elizabeth Baker's controversial request last fall for all of her appointees to resign, which led to the forced removals of former council member Bill Cain from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Albany resident Jerri Holan from the Waterfront Committee. Holan was subsequently reappointed by Councilmember Bob Good, who voted against placing Measure O on the ballot.

The measures essentially pose the question of whether appointees serve at the pleasure of the council or whether there must be a legally

valid reason for their removal. While citizen-sponsored Measure Q mandates removals be done only "for cause," council-sponsored Measure O, which was drawn up in response to the citizen initiative, substitutes a less-strong "statement of reason."

If both measures pass, the one which receives the greatest number of votes will become law. While both sides acknowledge the issue to be one which rarely comes up (the last forced removal occurred in the 1970s), it seems as if any hint at seeing eye-to-eye on the matter stops there.

While city-sponsored Measure O has no committee backing it and will essentially be promoted in the press and through ballot arguments, behind Measure Q one finds a group of politically-active city residents who to this day remain unhappy with Cain and Holan's removal.

Among those backing Measure Q are Holan herself and Planning Commissioner Elisa Mikiten, both of whom allege that flawed legal

advice was given to the council and the Charter Review Committee in regard to the removals. They also say that Measure O is poorly written from a legal point of view and would lead to a lawsuit against the city if it was ever enforced.

Backers of Measure O, however, say that Measure Q is the initiative which would bring about a lawsuit in that the "for cause" requirement could be challenged in court. Both sides cite city and state laws, court decisions and the advice of attorneys to validate their positions.

Beyond the legal wrangling, the issue essentially boils down to whether volunteers may be removed at the pleasure of the council or whether a cause must be given. Backers of the citizen initiative claim last fall's removals have resulted in a lack of enthusiasm among volunteers, who are not paid for their time and serve in an advisory capacity only.

"I guess I care about people feeling like our local government is

open and something you want to participate in," Mikiten says.

Measure Q backers also say that if Measure O were to pass, it would create committees that simply rubber-stamped positions the council wished to approve, and would thus lead to a lack of credibility.

Measure O backers counter by saying that if Measure Q were to pass, it would prevent council members from appointing those inclined to make waves in that they would essentially be stuck with that person for a full four-year term. Both sides claim their measure measure would create a greater diversity on advisory bodies.

In addition to generating a river of bad flood among those involved, the issue has also caused a split among candidates for City Council. While Good and Jon Ely back the citizen initiative, Michael Feiner backs the position of the city. Peggy Thomsen says she could live with either measure and has remained neutral.

## Albany PTA Council News

### Survey results in

By Peggy Thow

Recently Marin School PTA conducted a parent survey to find out what parents want done with their PTA money, and the results are now in. This is the first Marin parent survey since 1991, and the only survey to give parents a choice among potential programs as well as currently funded ones.

According to PTA Vice President Karen Carlson Olsen, the parents overwhelmingly approved using PTA funds to support instructional aides in the school. Beyond that, they wanted their money to go toward cash gifts for teachers — recognizing that many teachers use their own money to purchase classroom supplies and fund field trips.

The remaining concerns had to do with gaps in the curriculum. Parents want more hardware and software for computer labs, and PTA responded by allocating \$2,450 to a technology fund for the school. The money will largely support the creation of the new fifth-grade lab.

Parents also expressed strong support for the K-3 music program that brings in a music specialist for a portion of the year. That program will again be funded this year. Science education and language

instruction were other areas of concern to parents. PTA is now calling for Marin teachers to apply for mini-grants for science instruction. Language instruction is a matter for teachers and administration to decide, but parents who want more information about possible progress in this area can call PTA about it.

Many thanks to the League of Women Voters, the Albany Teachers' Association, and the West County Times for sponsoring the Candidate Night last Sunday at the Community Center. The four Albany School Board candidates had time to answer questions about the new middle school, about seismic retrofitting, about drug and alcohol use among Albany youth, and about class size reduction.

Each presented a vision of what the Albany schools might be. They have four different viewpoints and quite influential voices. After the election, two of them will become influential members of a five-person board. It's worth taking the time to learn about each of these candidates before the Nov. 5 election.

Incidentally, the Albany Teachers' Association, after interviewing all the candidates, has decided not to endorse anyone, according to ATA President Susan Charlip.

## West County School Watch

### A student's plea

The reigns of this week's column have been turned over to Anka Lee, who delivered the following speech at the campaign kickoff event for Measure E.

By Anka Lee

I am a junior at De Anza High School and currently serve as a student member of the West Contra Costa Board of Education. I was thrilled at the beginning of the school year when I saw the trucks

arrive to resurface our tennis courts.

For the past two years, other schools have expressed concerns over the safety of our deteriorating courts when they came to compete.

Now, we don't have to worry anymore because our courts are as shiny as the ones in Flushing, Queens, where they held the U.S. Open last year.

But all that wouldn't have happened without the recreation assessment district financing, better known as the MRAD money.

I am here today to encourage all of you here to support Measure E on the Nov. 5 ballot. We, the students,

are depending on you to take care of us. I know for a fact that the prison in Pinole has better facilities than we do. Though the doors are falling off our P.E. lockers, at least the bathroom facilities were fixed over the summer. I can't tell you how discouraging it was for students last year when sometimes there was no hot water and bathrooms had to be closed down. These too are being repaired.

De Anza High School recreation facilities are used by the local Boys' and Girls' clubs, youth soccer league, and Pop Warner football. Measure E will continue to provide

funding for these facilities as well as to insure that students can take care of their sanitary needs.

The other important contribution that MRAD has made is to reinstate the six-period day at junior high and middle schools. I can tell you that as someone who only got to take five classes, I never got to explore my interest in journalism and music. It is imperative that these young students be guaranteed a full educational day.

You can make a difference in the life of this student as well as all the students in your community by voting for Measure E on Nov. 5.

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# Letters

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have shown their quirks resulting in my voting Democrat or Republican. I don't believe any amount of advertising would have caused me to vote for any third party. Things have changed.

Now I feel a more important issue must be raised. We the voters have allowed our voices to be muted and dismissed by those we trusted. We all talk about how angry we are over the abuses in Washington and the misuse of our tax dollars. Those, who through apathy, refuse to vote have no right to complain. They have voluntarily abdicated their voice in favor of the establishment they complain so much about. Washington, nor anything in it, has any motivation to change on its own. If changes are to be made they must start with the vote of the people. So please, PLEASE, go out and vote. Find out not just what your party stands for but others as well. DON'T VOTE WHAT YOU ARE TOLD! VOTE FOR WHAT YOU WANT!

For those on the web, one day of searching can give you more information than you could possibly process. Here are some places to look. If these do not work, do a web search with the party of your choice. If you are not on the web many groups are listed in the white pages.

Democrat — <http://www.democrats.org>  
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Green — <http://www.greens.org/plats.html>  
Libertarian — <http://www.lp.org>  
Clare Burmeister

## Supports plaza owners

Editor:  
My husband and I have owned and operated Great American Dry Cleaners at El Cerrito Plaza for over six years. During that time, we have provided quality service to the El Cerrito community and we have built up a loyal clientele. We are in an excellent location and we are very good at what we do. A dry cleaning business is largely dependent upon its location for success. Our location is a great one and we want to stay here. However, we may be forced out of business.

Most of the proposed development plans for El Cerrito Plaza will put us out of business because they call for the total demolition of the Plaza. That will close us down and will cost our family its livelihood. We are not alone in facing this peril. The other small businesses in the Plaza share our concerns. Small businesses can not survive being closed for a period of two to four years, as most of the developers are projecting. Many of the other businesses also share our dependence on a specific location for success.

The renovation project proposed by the current Plaza ownership takes the existing businesses into account. It does not require demolition of the whole plaza and will allow us to remain open during construction. It will remove the existing Emporium building, pave that space, and place a Wal-Mart store at the rear of the parking lot. This is the best plan for the El Cerrito Plaza merchants because it will allow us to continue operating and because the Wal-Mart store will generate new business for everyone. It is the best plan for the people of El Cerrito because it allows them to continue to shop at their familiar stores and at a new Wal-Mart store.

The small business people and the merchants at El Cerrito Plaza have provided valuable services to the community of El Cerrito and we have hung in there during the lean times. It is crucial that our viability be considered in whatever decision is made regarding the Plaza. The City of El Cerrito has an obligation to acknowledge that merchants are also citizens, citizens who provide essential services. The city should remember us when they are making any decisions regarding the plaza.

Jungsoon Koo, Jaik Koo  
El Cerrito Plaza

## Voters taken hostage

Editor:  
I am signing a protest opposing the formation of the assessment district in Albany and I am voting "no" on Measure R for the following reasons:

1. We have already bought land on Albany Hill. How many times do I have to pay for increasing the value of property of people who live on the hill?
2. The restoration of creeks is incredibly expensive, impractical, and they become a liability to the city. We probably can't afford to restore even one; who would

know, since there is no plan and no one even seems to know where the creeks are?

3. I would pay for new, additional playing fields if I thought there was a possibility of getting one. Where is there any property for sale large enough for a soccer field? I'm afraid this is a ruse to get some money to fix up Cougar Field, which the school district should be doing anyway, and this is not a new or additional playing field.

I feel as though the council has taken us hostage on this one by making us vote on all three issues as one. It was very clever of them to throw the playing fields in there so we would feel guilty about not voting for the entire package. Well, I'm not buying this one although I have always supported youth and environmental issues. I urge others to join the protest and stop this pork barrel plan now. Perhaps then the council will ask us to support a plan we could really live with.

Ellen Davis-Zapata  
Albany

## Measure is a worthy endeavor

Editor:  
Measure R combines three worthy endeavors — open space preservation, creek restoration, and recreational opportunity — all in keeping with a town where people care about the environment and about each other. I'm proud of the city for coming up with such a take-action idea. Sure, no one relishes paying more taxes. But it's so exciting when people can agree to pool their resources — in this case \$69 a year — to accomplish something so tangible and positive for the community as a

whole.  
For \$69, you (by yourself, mind you) could barely get out of town for one night to enjoy some open space and natural beauty. But for that same amount from each household, we'll be able to preserve and recreate some open spaces right here in town to enjoy every day of the year.

I see Measure R as a gift we give to ourselves and our neighbors — a gift we and the children of Albany deserve. I'm voting "yes" and I hope you will, too!

Victoria Wake  
Albany

## Okawachi for school board

Editor:  
I, OWEN T. JONES, architect, father of three children attending Albany Public Schools, am not running for the Albany School Board. Another Albany resident, Owen H. Jones, is running for this position, and an unfortunate mix-up and confusion regarding the common names has ensued.

As many of you know, I have an ongoing, and active interest in the Albany schools, and I am supporting Jewel Okawachi as the very best candidate for the Albany School Board. Jewel is a life-long Albany resident, Albany business owner and community volunteer who will bring the integrity, knowledge and dedication that this most important of local elected positions deserves.

Because of Jewel's dedication to her community activities, she was not able to commit herself to actually running for the School Board until after the official filing deadline, and therefore she is running as a write-in candidate.

The Albany schools have a

strong tradition of academic excellence and we deserve the same excellence in leadership on the School Board. I am endorsing, and voting for, Jewel Okawachi as a write-in candidate for the Albany School Board. I encourage all of my fellow parents, teachers, friends and neighbors to write in School Board / Jewel Okawachi at the top of the ballot on Nov. 5.

Owen T. Jones  
Father of Ian, Chris & Jordan

## City needs new general plan

Editor:  
If El Cerrito property values are to appreciate; if El Cerrito is to attract good businesses; if the City is to attract good people as residents; if sales tax revenues are to increase; if El Cerrito is to be a desirable address and a safe place, then the city needs a clear plan for its future. It needs to be deliberate in where it is going.

Every city in California by law must have a general plan to guide the city's development future. Much as a business needs a business plan, so a city needs a general plan if it is to function effectively. The El Cerrito general plan has not been updated since 1975. It's legally overdue for updating.

A good general plan would allow the city to be more clear and efficient in its land use and traffic planning. The general plan could guide the city in enhancing the character of city streets and parks. It would allow the city to pursue a more integrative approach to commercial development so that small businesses can be given a nurturing setting and big-box development can be resisted.

Lack of planning results in the proliferation of redundant parking lots, scattered business locations, lack of synergy between business, unnecessary traffic congestion, declining street trees, strip development, and neighborhoods unfriendly to pedestrians, bicyclists, and social interaction.

El Cerrito has not updated its general plan because it hasn't been able to afford to. With only a one-person planning department, the City is stretched to do ongoing planning. Passing Measure H, the Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment, will free up general fund money to give the city the resources to make this important investment in our community's future. Passing Measure G will retain funding for street lighting, and up-keep for parks and public buildings. Vote for Measures G and H.

Steve Price

## Opposes El Cerrito measure

Editor:  
While I read about the Albany property owners' Open Space Assessment District protest, I find myself wondering why I didn't understand the assessment district process when I received my notice from the City of El Cerrito informing me of its intention to form the "Fire Benefits" Assessment District. It wasn't clear to me that a protest of the owners of 50 percent plus one foot of the assessed land could defeat this tax without the necessity of voting on the issue in November.

That aside, I oppose the Fire Benefits assessment for the reason that it will go on forever and the tax will increase automatically

without the necessity of voter approval by the voters. Why are we being asked to pay \$125 a year when the citizen's committee recommended a \$75 tax?

I do not feel that the City Council has served our community well and I am especially critical of its failure to find a suitable replacement Emporium at the Plaza. I would have understood how the assessment district process might have worked. Maybe then we, like the property owners in Albany, could have given our City Council a run for its money.

## Prop. 218 bad for local government

Editor:  
I ask you to carefully consider the impact of Proposition 218, the day-to-day operation of local government. By limiting the use of local governmental units to assessments without a voter's approval, the measure severely limits their ability to provide adequate services to local citizens. It is penny-wise and pound-foolish. Moreover, by limiting the ability to land-owners Proposition 218 would disenfranchise many citizens with a vested interest in local affairs and good government. This is a fundamental attack on the constitutional concept of one person, one vote. Large property owners, under this proposition, would have the means to leverage their influence over many other citizens. Proposition 218 is unfair and unfair. Please vote "No" on Proposition 218.

Janice Lee  
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## El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinternick

### Debate on Measure H next week

A spirited debate on El Cerrito's controversial Measure H — the \$125 Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment — will highlight next Monday's Chamber of Commerce business luncheon meeting.

Speaking for the measure will be Chuck Lewis, member of the Citizens' Task Force that recommended the City Council attempt to get voter approval for a \$75 assessment. Opposing passage of Measure H will be Steve Magary, one of the leaders of the El Cerrito Citizens Alliance organization.

Measure H has drawn heavy fire from the El Cerrito business community — even before the measure was approved for the November ballot. The most recent development in

the running fight against Measure H came late in September when former Chamber of Commerce president Bill Kerber announced he was forming a new business group to fight passage of Measure H.

Within 10 days Kerber reported he had been joined by 116 local businesses who felt the measure was "excessive in every respect and works an undue hardship on residents of this community as well as the business people."

Shortly after the City Council decided to consider raising the assessment from the \$75 recommended by the task force to a higher \$125 figure, the Chamber of Commerce conducted a mail survey of its members on this issue.

With 56 percent of the membership responding, 53 percent indi-

cated they favored the \$75 assessment as a means of replacing lost tax revenue. A total of 37 percent said they favored a lower amount or no assessment at all, and just 9 percent supported the \$125 figure.

The survey also revealed that the Chamber members were in favor of limiting the amount of time the tax would remain in effect by a margin of 88 percent to 12 percent. They were against allowing the assessment to be automatically increased when there was a rise in the Consumer Price Index. Some 86 percent said they were opposed to the escalator clause.

As a result of this survey the Chamber's Board of Directors asked the City Council to approve a \$75 assessment, limit the time it remained in effect, and drop the escalator clause.

The council rejected the Chamber's plea, approved an assessment calling for the higher figure, an escalator clause, and no time limit.

As a result, there has been controversy throughout El Cerrito ever since. One citizens' committee has been formed to push passage of the measure, and at least two citizens' groups have joined the Business People Against Measure H Committee in opposing it.

Those wishing to attend Monday's noontime debate on Measure H, to be held at the Cerrito City

Club, must make reservations by Friday. This may be done by telephoning the Chamber office at 233-7040.

Continuing a local tradition It may be hard to continue a local tradition, maintain a lifelong interest in horse racing, and run a successful bar and restaurant, all at the same time — but Bob Gilley has managed to do it.

Gilley, owner of Little Ange's at 6115 Potrero Ave., is one of the newer members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

Little Ange's was opened by Ange DeMaria in 1937, and quickly became a favorite meeting place for local business people. Since taking over in 1983, Gilley has worked hard to maintain the original atmosphere and reputation for fine food.

Of course, Gilley has added a few touches of his own that connect mainly to his longtime interest in the "sport of kings."

These touches are most apparent in the establishment's main dining room. Appropriately named the Paddock Room, the walls are covered with racing memorabilia supplied by Gilley's jockey friends.

The Paddock Room is just the latest example of a love of horse racing that got its start when Gilley was only 10 years old. At first he exercised horses at tracks throughout



Ex-mayor Cathie Kosel with Little Ange's owner Bob Gilley (center) and Chamber President Pat Malaiua

the U.S. and Mexico, then when he was between 15 and 17, worked occasionally as a jockey.

His riding career was cut short by bad eyesight, however. "They didn't have contact lenses in those days," he explains.

Leaving the track, he took a job at Standard Oil, then moved on to become a job training instructor at Contra Costa College. During this period he stopped regularly at Little Ange's for lunch — and liked the place so much he offered to buy it when De Maria announced he was retiring.

Ever since, Gilley has worked hard to continue upholding the establishment's fine reputation. And, he feels he's done well at the job. "People come once, and then they keep coming back," he says proudly. "Of course," Gilley adds, "we'd like to make a lot more new friends."

Little Ange's serves breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. weekdays and from 7 to noon on weekends. One of the early-morning favorites is steak and eggs for \$9. "Our steaks," Gilley explains, "are the biggest and best around and weigh a pound or more."

Monday through Friday lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Different specials such as corned beef and cabbage and seafood are available each day. "Fridays," Gilley declares, "we have the best clam chowder around."

Open for dinner from 5 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Little Ange's offers a menu of from 15 to 20 items — including a steak and prawn combination plate for \$16.

During dinner every entree comes with soup and salad, and there's a \$1.50 discount for diners who eat between 5 and 7 p.m.

Adding to the patron's dining pleasure is Little Ange's full bar, good selection of wines and some 30 different beers. For the health-conscious, the Paddock Room is kept smoke-free.

No reservations are necessary, and the dining room is available for private parties. Plenty of free off-street parking is also available to patrons.

Reinvestment appreciated The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce appreciates the recent reinvestment in membership of Miracle Auto Painting, 5327 Jacuzzi St., Richmond; Tom Clemes, owner.

Chamber ballot positions The California State Chamber of Commerce has come out in support of five propositions on the November ballot.

Those measures they are backing include: Prop. 204, safe, clean, reliable water supply act; Prop. 205, bond act for youth/adult correctional facilities; Prop. 206, veteran's bond act of 1996; Prop. 213, no recovery of damages for drunk drivers, uninsured motorists, felons in crime-related injury; and Prop. 218, voter approval for local government taxes.

The State Chamber took no position on Prop. 209, no discrimination in public employment; and Prop. 215, medical use of marijuana.

They came out in opposition to Propositions 207, 208, 210, 211, 212, 214, 216 and 217.

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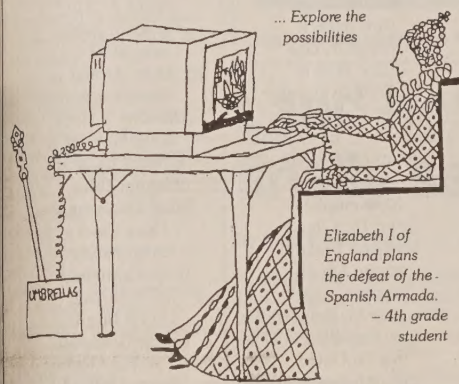
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## Mayor

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restoring them. Recently, Albany and Berkeley contributed equal amounts to a small restoration project on Codornices Creek. Albany and El Cerrito are already jointly paying for a study and plan for restoration of a segment of Cerrito Creek near the El Cerrito Plaza.

Can Measure R money be used for

things other than creek restoration, playing fields, and Albany Hill?

No. By law the money can only be used for these purposes. Fifty percent of the funds must be used only for Albany Hill. Twenty-five percent of the funds must be used only for playing fields. Twenty-five percent of the funds must be used only for creek restoration.

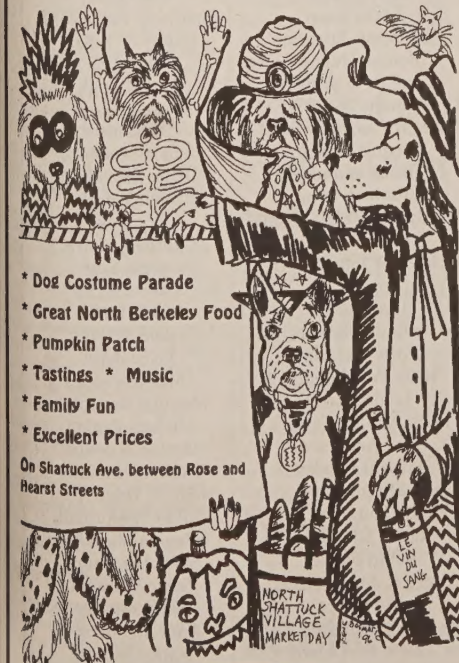
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# Vote Yes On Measure S

**Measure S is a \$49 million bond that will finance critical seismic repair and renovation to our Central Library and Civic Center building.**

This work must be done, and supporters from all over Berkeley agree that this bond measure is the best and most cost effective way to accomplish it.

## MEASURE S WILL PROVIDE:

- \$30 million to restore, expand, make earthquake-safe and improve disabled accessibility to the historic Main Library (note: the work currently under way on the Library is FEMA-funded facade repair from the Loma Prieta earthquake — no structural work is being done);
- \$15 million to internally retrofit as the most cost effective means to achieve earthquake safety, improve and increase disabled accessibility at the historic Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Center Building;
- \$4 million to install landscaping, street improvements, street lighting and other related improvements within the downtown area of Berkeley.

## HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?

The City Manager's office estimates \$19 per \$50,000 of assessed value. The average Berkeley homeowner will pay approximately \$57 per year (based on the average Berkeley home value of approximately \$150,000).

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MEASURE S DOES NOT PASS?

Although the city budget is \$200 million, only \$75 million is discretionary. The cost of seismic improvements will have to come from the discretionary budget. Police and Fire protection, health services, senior and youth programs and emergency services would all sustain significant reductions.

## WHY IS A BOND THE BEST METHOD OF FINANCING?

Bonds offer the lowest interest rate and the work can begin right away. Basic city services **will not** be affected. This method proved best for the improvements made to the Berkeley Schools. The "pay-as-you-go" concept would require cuts in city services and will delay any improvements by at least 10 years until adequate funds have been saved. By then lives and structures could be lost.

## IS THERE A REAL SEISMIC DANGER?

The Degenkolb engineering firm did a study of the Civic Center in 1992. After the Northridge and Kobe earthquakes, Degenkolb went back to their own original data and revised their recommendations, citing increased risk. A team of internationally renowned experts reviewed these recommendations yet again and every expert consulted agreed with their conclusions. They cited 36 life safety issues that this Measure would address.

## WHO IS SUPPORTING MEASURE S?

Measure S has gained the most broad-based support of any ballot measure in Berkeley's recent political history.

**We're for Measure S,  
and we think you  
will be too once you  
read the facts.**

## The Coalition of Support is Unprecedented

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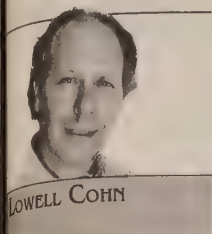
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## Twardzik tries to sub-li-mate the negative

Warriors general manager Dave Twardzik must be a word lover. The other day, he was explaining over the phone why this team is going to be better this season. He said, "We don't have any guys who will put their own personal well-being over the well-being of the team."

To move the conversation along, I added, "You mean you want guys to sublimate their own personal desires?"

Twardzik started laughing. "Sublimate," he said. "Hell of a word, great word. I'm going to use it three times a day until I know what it means."

Twardzik put down the phone for a moment. I heard him pick up a book, which turned out to be a dictionary. He began reading from it: "Sublimate. To divert the expression of an instinctual desire or impulse from its primitive form to one that is considered more socially or culturally acceptable."

In the next 30 minutes, Twardzik must have used "sublimate" a dozen times. I guess he was making fun of me. I considered it a good sign. If Twardzik can joke around even though he faces enormous problems with the Warriors, he must be a pretty stable guy.

### Character builder

The way I figure it, Twardzik has been sublimate his entire life. He grew up in a small, simple Pennsylvania city called Middlesboro, where his parents, Father and Frank, taught him about "character" (his favorite word, although "sublimate" is sounding a challenge). To his parents, "character" meant doing the right thing for the family even if it involved squelching his own desires. Frank, now deceased, was the moral calibrator.

There could never be a mistake if he liked or disliked you," Twardzik said. "He was brutally honest. I say that in complimentary terms. You knew if you crossed the border. And there would be a price to pay."

Twardzik crossed the border twice in his life. When he was in high school he wanted a motorcycle, but Frank said, "No way." A friend of Twardzik's had a motorcycle, and one day, Twardzik rode it. Later, his mom went to the market, where she bumped into someone who said, "I see you got David a motorcycle." Twardzik didn't tell me what price he paid, but I bet it was something awful like getting banned from the malt shop for at least a month.

The other border crossing occurred in his second year as a player in Portland. Hold onto your seats, because this is heavy stuff. He grew a beard and had his hair permed. Heaven forbid! It was the most radical thing I did in my life," he said.

### in his own image

So those are the two big rebellions in the history of Dave Twardzik — a spin on a motorcycle and a few radical hair follicles. You can see why he wants squeaky clean guys on his team. It's because he understands players in his own image. He had his number 43 in Portland, even though he wasn't a talented player. But he embodied an attitude: fundamentally sound, tough, intensely selfish.

Twardzik is systematically trying to remake the Warriors

See COHN, page 12



Cal baseball coach Bob Milano is changing his summer plans to coach Team USA.

Jeff Lindquist

## Cal's Milano picked to coach Team USA

By John Gardella

Bob Milano thought he had his offseason planned perfectly. The Cal head baseball coach, after suffering through one of the more disappointing seasons in his 19-year tenure, was going to "kick back" in the Bay Area, catch some local high school baseball, and prepare for the upcoming season.

He's had to alter those plans somewhat.

The former Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year also must select a coaching staff for the 1997 USA Baseball Team. The USA Baseball Board of Directors selected Milano as head coach earlier this month.

"I've had contact with some great coaches," Milano said. "Some have already responded, saying they will be unavailable. There are five or six who I'm stilling waiting to hear from."

Milano, Cal's winningest coach, will lead Team USA at the International Cup in August, 1997 in Barcelona, Spain. Besides the United States, the eight-team invitational tournament will include Cuba, France, Italy, Japan, Nicaragua, and Spain.

Although Milano has had his share of awards and accolades, he said this ranks up there with reaching the College World Series, and tying and surpassing his mentor George Wolfman in career wins (484) as the Golden Bears' head coach.

"This is almost as close as that," Milano said. "Obviously, if we win the National Championship that would be No. 1."

### Extra exposure

Milano's quest for a College World Series victory is one of the main reasons he is coaching the national team. Milano's involvement gives the university and its baseball program extra exposure. Enough, perhaps, to sway potential recruits into selecting Berkeley.

"One of the biggest reasons I decided to accept this offer was to keep Cal and Cal baseball in the limelight," Milano said. "We already have a few (recruits) sold on Cal. Hopefully, this will help get a few more interested in playing here."

See MILANO, page 12

## Land ho! Cougars finally see victory

By Mac Montandon

Albany football can finally see a crack of light coming through the first floor drapes of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League standings.

It's just enough light to read by, and what the Cougars can make out is a simple three letter word: win. A

short, fragile word, maybe, but it can change a season.

Albany delivered itself from the ACCAL cellar last Friday by recording its first victory of the year, 22-6, over winless Richmond.

The Cougars relied offensively on the recently returned strength of top running back Jermaine Land.

Land had limped through most of the season with a leg injury, and was kept out of any significant action in the five games before Friday.

The story when the El Cerrito football team plays always seems to be Antoine Lacy.

Even when the Gauchos' defense records six interceptions as it did Friday against JFK - Richmond, it is invariably the senior running back who gets the ink. And, why not?

The East Bay's leading runner rushed for 173 yards and five touchdowns to lead the undefeated Gauchos (7-0, 6-0 ACCAL) to a 60-14 win over JFK in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game.

Lacy has rushed for 1,016 yards on just 71 carries, averaging 14.6 yards every time he touches the ball on a handoff. He also has returned two punts for touchdowns, giving him a total of 17 for the season.

"It's Lacy's third year on varsity," coach Frank Milo said. "He's always had a knack for finding the openings. He's gotten quicker every year. Now, he can break it any time."

While Lacy & Co. are generating 464.7 yards of total offense per

Suddenly, Berkeley football is healthy, on a roll, and looking a lot like the team to beat in the East Bay Athletic League.

Since starting the year 1-2 against a tough early season sched-

The slender back was finally able to run without extreme pain. His enhanced performance, along with an aggressive, attacking Cougar defense was enough to separate Albany from the bottom of the ACCAL pack.

Land accounted for nearly half of Albany's total yardage. He ran 20 times for 121 yards, including a 7-yard touchdown run which tied the score at 6 in the second quarter. Land also untied the game by rushing for the 2-point conversion after the TD.

The Cougars out gained Richmond 257 to 57 yards. The Oilers only moved backwards when running the ball, finishing with minus-30 rushing.

Richmond didn't fare much better when it took to the air. Oilers quarterback Courtney Anderson was intercepted four times, including two by Billy Zeier.

Several Albany players provided important backing to Land's lead. Omar Smith made three catches

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### 1996 League Standings ACCAL Football As of October 20

	League Record	Overall
El Cerrito	5-0	6-0
Encinal	4-0	6-0
St. Mary's	3-1	4-2
De Anza	3-1	5-1
PIEDMONT	2-2	3-3
Alameda	1-3	2-4
Kennedy	1-4	1-5
Albany	1-4	1-5
Richmond	0-5	0-5

### Last Week's Games

**Friday, October 11**  
De Anza 28, Piedmont 21  
El Cerrito 60, Kennedy 14  
Encinal 28, Alameda 0  
St. Mary's 25, Terra Linda 0\*  
Albany 22, Richmond 6  
\*Non-League

### This Week's Games

**Friday**  
Alameda at Kennedy - 3:30  
El Cerrito at Richmond - 7:30  
St. Mary's at De Anza - 7:30

**Saturday**  
Piedmont at Encinal - 1:30  
Albany at O'Dowd - 1:30\*  
\*Non-league

## SM blanks Terra Linda on Poche-West's career day

By John Gardella

After three ho-hum games, the St. Mary's football team gets its first challenge in a month Saturday when the Panthers play at De Anza.

The Panthers and Dons, both 3-1 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, are in third place and could be playing for the final ACCAL spot for the North Coast Section playoffs.

The top three teams get automatic bids. De Anza lone loss came against second-place Encinal. The Panthers suffered a defeat to league-leading El Cerrito.

"The number one thing we have to do is control their speed," said SM coach Dan Shaughnessy. "We have to stay away from big mistakes. There is no one on our scout

team with the kind of speed De Anza has so it is hard to practice for them."

Since losing to the Gauchos, 33-3, the Panthers have won three games by blowout margins, averaging 35-point victories.

While the large margin of victory may not be an accurate indication of where the team stands (the three opponents have a combined 1-16 record), Shaughnessy thinks the high point total is a case of youngsters acclimating to varsity football.

"I think it's a case of the development of good, young team," Shaughnessy said. "We feel good right now."

After beating league rivals JFK-Richmond and Richmond, the Panthers played Terra Linda in a non-league game last Saturday, blanking the Trojans, 25-0.

"I was kind of surprised at the score," Shaughnessy said. "I think

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## Lacy's Day: Gaucho RB scores 5 TD's Gains over 1,000 yards in 7 games

By John Gardella

The story when the El Cerrito football team plays always seems to be Antoine Lacy.

Even when the Gauchos' defense records six interceptions as it did Friday against JFK - Richmond, it is invariably the senior running back who gets the ink. And, why not?

The East Bay's leading runner rushed for 173 yards and five touch-

downs to lead the undefeated Gauchos (7-0, 6-0 ACCAL) to a 60-14 win over JFK in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game.

Lacy has rushed for 1,016 yards on just 71 carries, averaging 14.6 yards every time he touches the ball on a handoff. He also has returned two punts for touchdowns, giving him a total of 17 for the season.

"It's Lacy's third year on varsity," coach Frank Milo said. "He's always had a knack for finding the openings. He's gotten quicker every year. Now, he can break it any time."

While Lacy & Co. are generating 464.7 yards of total offense per

game, Milo said it's the Gauchos' defense that should be getting a lot of the credit.

"The defense is keeping us in good field position," Milo said. "Against St. Mary's, the defense dominated after the first quarter. And Piedmont wasn't able to move the ball too well against us."

While the Gauchos are averaging an otherworldly 47.8 points per game, El Cerrito's defense is giving up just 192.3 yards per game.

Against JFK (1-5, 1-4 ACCAL), the Gauchos allowed exactly their average, as the Eagles rushed for 82

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Jeff Lindquist

EC RB Antoine Lacy is averaging 14.6 yards per carry.

## Jackets enter EBAL with a bang by bashing Livermore

By Mac Montandon

Suddenly, Berkeley football is healthy, on a roll, and looking a lot like the team to beat in the East Bay Athletic League.

Since starting the year 1-2 against a tough early season sched-

ule, the Yellowjackets have won three straight, including last Friday's league opener against Livermore.

Senior Devin Martin, after missing most of the two previous games with a leg injury, was once again lined up in the backfield for the Jackets.

With two good legs, the speedy back ably carried both the ball and most of the offensive burden for Berkeley. Martin's 163 yards on 15

rushes led the way, as Berkeley undid the Cowboys 43-14.

Three times Martin found the end zone in the second quarter. His scoring runs of 4, 13 and 53 yards helped give the Jackets a 23-7 halftime advantage.

It was a lead Livermore couldn't surmount, despite its fine attempts at second half trickery.

The Cowboys opened the third quarter with a successful onside kick. Quickly they converted the

recovery into the more valuable currency of points.

Chad Sullivan's 25-yard TD reception pulled Livermore to within 23-14. That was as close as they'd get.

Certainly Livermore must wish they had attempted a second onside kick following Sullivan's catch. Especially after James Barnes returned the ensuing deep kickoff 96 yards for a score and the Jackets increased their lead to 31-14.

Berkeley's defense took over from there, and coach Joe Martin's squad was on its way to a third consecutive victory.

### Come together

"Our kids have really started to come together as a team," Martin said. "We don't have the three or four superstars that the school's had in the past couple of years. We've been trying to teach the kids to play

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with latter-day Twardzik, but it's a tough job, mostly because the Warriors have a history of acquiring low-character guys like Micheal Ray Richardson, Chris Washburn, J.B. Carroll, Carlos Rogers, Victor Alexander, Clifford Rozier. "If you take a chance on questionable people and it doesn't work out, it sets you back a couple of years," Twardzik said. The Warriors have been set back about a century, although Twardzik has moved swiftly to eliminate the worst cases.

That would include Tim Hardaway, the ultimate anti-character player. Before practices last season, the Warriors would run up and down the length of the court doing "zigzags." They'd run a few steps left, then a few steps right while making progress up the court. The exercise helped their reflexes. Pretty simple, right? Well, Hardaway didn't zigzag the length of the floor. He zigzagged the width. He was literally out of step with his teammates, who couldn't understand the reason for his protest and thought he was a jerk.

Hardaway was an overt non-sublimator. Rony Seikaly, who's still in absentia, is more covert. He was a perfectly good zigzagger, but whenever he got the chance, he complained to reporters about the organization, the coaching staff, the hole in the Ozone Layer, the price of avocados, you name it. He ran a guerrilla action against the franchise, which makes it hard to understand why the Warriors want him back. But they do.

The reason? He's the best center they have, and with him on the team, they have options. "If he comes back, it may not be a longterm marriage," Twardzik said. "It could facilitate a trade."

Here's a prediction. Seikaly will return. He'll play hard as a way of showcasing himself to other clubs. Then the Warriors will trade him.

That's fine, but do the changes on the roster, the influx of character people like Mark Price, mean the Warriors will be a force in the league, or even a playoff team this season?

"I don't know," Twardzik said. "We'd like to be. I'd love to take a magic wand and wave it over the roster and say, 'We'll have this guy and not have that guy.' But it will be a slow process. I knew that when I came in here."

In other words, Twardzik will have to do tons more sublimating before he enjoys the fruits of victory.

## Gaucha

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yards and passed for 110.

But, again it was Lacy who stole the thunder. Lacy scored three of the Gauchos' first four touchdowns as EC opened up a 28-6 lead at the half. Lacy's best run came early in the fourth quarter when he ran one in from 68 yards away.

The area's touchdown leader had three scores from 1-yard out, one from 10-yards away, and the 68-yarder.

Defensive back Jackson Taylor scored EC's other first-half touchdown with his first of two runbacks on interceptions. The first one was a

## SM volleyball finds path to future painful

By John Gardella

First-year programs invariably suffer through growing pains before reaching any level of competitiveness. Such is the case with the St. Mary's volleyball team as it tries to adapt to varsity play.

The Panthers, winless in league play, dropped a three-game match to St. Joseph Tuesday, 7-15, 8-15, in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League contest.

SM's record now stands at 2-14, 0-7 overall.

"The team is doing well," coach Trudy Hebert said. "It doesn't show with the record, but they are trying."

According to Hebert, the potential is there for a strong team down the line.

"We definitely have talent," the coach said. "We have no experience and we are not winning. But as long as we continue playing well together, we'll be good next year or the year after."

Hebert is hopeful because of the youth on this Panthers squad. She carries 10 players, two freshmen, seven sophomores and one junior. So, everyone returns next year.

"Hopefully, we get about half of the players to participate in club volleyball during the offseason," Hebert said. "A lot of these girls play two and three sports."

Some of the leaders on the team



SM's Spring Harris gets up to block the shot of a Piedmont player.

so far are Spring Harris, Sashi Chadha, Diana Phow and Desirea

English. The team's two wins came against Bridgmont and Athenian.

## Milano

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Milano plans on having his coaching staff in place by the end of October. The next step is to select the players to invite to tryouts in January at the New York Yankees training facility in Tampa, Florida.

While Milano said he and his coaches will select the best players at the tryouts, the United States squad could be at a distinct disadvantage when playing veteran teams. That's because his plan is to use as many freshmen and sophomores as possible.

"I don't want to get stuck in a situation where juniors who are drafted by the Major Leagues, sign with a team and are lost to us," Milano explained. Milano said he

will not have a completed list of invitees until he and his coaching staff meet. He did, however, say that he expects three Cal players - Jason Hill, Brian Oliver and Tyler Walker - will get invited to the January tryouts.

This is not Milano's first stint with USA Baseball. The Cal graduate served as USA Baseball Team Business Manager in 1988. That team captured the Olympic Gold Medal in Seoul, Korea. In 1985, Milano served as an assistant coach for the USA Baseball Team that finished with a 23-13 record.

"I've been in the running a couple of times," Milano said, referring to the selection process to pick a head coach. "So this wasn't such a big surprise. It went pretty good in 1985

and 1988. I was hoping to get involved in 1992 and 1996."

Milano's 19th year as head coach was a nightmare. Injuries to key players, including a season-ending arm injury to star pitcher Ryan Drese, sent a team that ranked as high as fifth in the preseason by one publication into a downward spiral. The Bears finished the year with a 27-29-1 record.

Milano, a catcher, played for Cal in 1960 and '61. He served as an assistant under Wolfman from 1974 to '77. The following year, he took over as head coach. He has led the Bears to three College World Series appearances and six NCAA postseason appearances. Milano earned Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year honors in 1980 and '92.

few days in practice this week. One of the biggest factors in this game is to convince the players that Richmond is a threat."

After next week's non-league game at home against Marin Catholic (KECG 88.1 FM radio, 7:25 p.m.) the Gauchos host De Anza (5-1, 3-1 ACCAL) and Encinal (6-0, 4-0 ACCAL) to close out the regular season. "I guarantee there won't be a letdown for those two games," Milano said.

## Panther harriers are running above the fray, 8-1 in ACCAL

By John Gardella

Earlier in the month at the Stanford Invitational, St. Mary's cross country coach Francis Mason made this terse statement: "It was disappointing."

The boys' team finished ninth that day. Mason entered the day's competition hoping for no lower than third overall.

Since then, however, "the team has rebounded quite well," he said.

Saturday, the Panthers beat arch rival Bishop O'Dowd, something that hadn't happened in two years, by 16 points at the Mariner Invitational.

Mike Arp paced the way for St. Mary's. Arp finished fourth with a time of 16:22. Justin Hite took eighth (16:40) and Ben Maniatis (16:53)

came in two spots later.

"Those three guys continue to run well," Mason said.

A knee injury to No. 4 runner Ryan Torres, who pulled out of the race about halfway through, tempered the strong showing. The previous Saturday, the Panthers took fourth place at the Clovis Invitational.

Again, it Arp paced the way. The runner finished 11th out of 12 runners with a time of 16:40. Maniatis (17:40) and Hite (18:00) were SM's other runners who finished the race in under 18 minutes. "We are starting to become competitive," Mason said after the race.

The Panthers race today at Alameda High. SM's Alameda record is 8-1.

## St. Mary's

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Terra Linda was little banged up."

The Panthers played without running backs Paki Gordon and Kwamin Taylor, both out with injuries. It hardly mattered. Running back Devin Poche-West had the biggest offensive game of his high school career, rushing for 245 yards and all three SM touchdowns.

Defensively, the Panthers allowed Terra Linda 16 yards of total offense and three first downs. St. Mary's recorded seven sacks. Jamar Himelstein, Jafar Williams and Jarriod Mack all had two sacks. If there was one negative for the Panthers, it was 16 penalties for 145 yards.

What was that Shaughnessy about playing mistake-free the Dons?

## Cougars

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for 46 yards.

Smith turned one Zeier screen pass into a 33-yard scoring romp. He also carried the ball seven times for 33 yards.

Senior Chris Pierce put the game out of reach when he forced an Anderson fumble in the third quarter. Under Pierce's pressure, Anderson dropped the ball on the Oiler two yard line. Pierce scooped it up, and made the short run for a score.

Though it was 22-6 in the third quarter, Albany was leaving nothing to chance. The Cougars had seen what chance could do in the first five games of the year, when it often looked like

they might win but came up short at the end. The St. Mary's game came to mind.

This time, the Cougar decided to make sure the win wouldn't get away. They proved again that if you don't let the other team score, you've got a great shot at winning. Simple, really.

Of course, as it's been said countless times, winning isn't everything. It's nice to have a little drive sometimes, though.

Speaking of simple, that's about the last word one would use in describing Albany's next game.

The Cougars play at Bishop O'Dowd on Saturday in a non-league match. The Dragons, a former league rival until this season, are undefeated at 6-0.

## Jackets

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together and I think they're starting to get there."

A strong case could be made for the superstardom of running back Martin. From his great vision and cutting ability, to the "Superman" logo tattooed on his left biceps, Martin exudes a certain star power.

But this is a Berkeley team which requires excellent performances from several players for it to be at its best.

Barnes comes up with at least one huge play a game, and quarterback Larry Young has been a poised, consistent leader all season. Running back Johnny Smith is a rugged number two back who is very difficult to tackle.

Linebacker Joseph Gray leads a defense which is stingy against the run.

Cornerbacks Barnes and Zoltan Kistoff opposing receivers. And then there is the story of a newly emerging wideout Ariel Herzog.

Two weeks ago against Skyline Herzog made the winning grab on a pass from Young, with just one minute left to play. The catch seemed to have given Herzog a bit of confidence. Last Friday he caught three more passes for 47 yards.

With four regular season games remaining, it will be interesting to see how one catch can change a season, and how far a team that plays together can go.

Berkeley (4-2 overall, 1-0 EABA) plays its second league game of the season at home tomorrow against St. Ramon. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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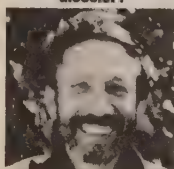
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## East Bay Events

### Jones performs

Bill T. Jones's *Love Redeemed*, a restaging of a 1992 piece commissioned by the Lyon Opera Ballet and set to a haunting song cycle composed by Daniel Johnston, will be performed on Saturday at 8 p.m. It is the second of two programs presented by Cal Performances. The Saturday program also includes *Ballad*, *Blue Phrase*, *New Duet and Soon*; Friday night's program is *After Black Room*, *La Place* and *Ursonate*. For tickets call 642-9988.

### U.N. day concert next week

The East Bay Chapter of the United Nations Association will present the East Bay U.N. Day Concert on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Assembly Hall at the First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

The concert will feature musicians from the UC Berkeley Young Musicians Program as well as the Kaleidoscope Wind Ensemble, which will present a music program featuring composers from around the world. Slated for the anniversary of the U.N.'s founding, the concert will benefit the East Bay Chapter UNA's Arthur O. Pritchard Memorial Endowment Fund. Parking will be available, and the public is invited. For more information call the East Bay Chapter of the UNA at 704-0100.

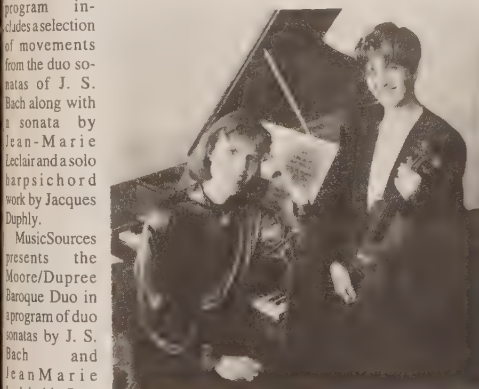
### All-Beethoven performance

Pianist Julian White will perform an all-Beethoven program on the J. Raymond Pope Piano at First Unitarian Church in Kensington on Saturday at 8 p.m. Works will include the "Tempest" sonata and *Hammerklavier*. Tickets are \$15 and \$10.

White is a prominent Bay Area pianist and teacher with an international reputation. He is also well known as a lecturer on music. For information call 531-4587.

### Baroque violin and harpsichord

Carla Moore, a resident of Oakland's Glenview neighborhood, and Seattle resident Jillon Stoppels Dupree have been performing together in various ensembles for 10 years. As the Moore/Dupree Duo, they direct their efforts to the rich Baroque violin and harpsichord literature. The program includes a selection of movements from the duo sonatas of J. S. Bach along with a sonata by Jean-Marie Leclair and a solo harpsichord work by Jacques Duphy.



Carla Moore and Jillon Stoppels Dupree

MusicSources presents the Moore/Dupree Baroque Duo in a program of duo sonatas by J. S. Bach and Jean-Marie Leclair this Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Alameda at Marin, Berkeley; 528-1685.

In 10 years of collaboration, Moore and Dupree have honed their expressive spontaneity into a rapport that has captivated audiences in America and in Britain. Dupree's graceful clarity at the harpsichord is the perfect complement to Moore's intense, assertive violin artistry.

For tickets call 528-1685.

### Violin and piano team



Pianist Robert McDonald accompanies violinist Midori.

Cal Performances presents the gifted young violinist Midori with acclaimed pianist Robert McDonald in recital at 3 p.m. Sunday at Zellerbach Hall. Tickets for Midori's recital are priced at \$28, \$36 and \$42, and are available through the Cal Performances at 642-9988.

At the age of 25, Midori, whose astounding career is already in its second decade, gives recitals and concerts annually with leading orchestras around the world. She will be accompanied by award-winning pianist Robert McDonald, known for his impressive work as a recitalist, chamber musician and solo performer. Their remarkable recital partnership has received critical acclaim on the world's most prestigious concert stages.

The recital features Franz Schubert's Sonata in A major, Opus 162

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Aurora Theatre actors Howard Swain and Michael Santo (foreground); Carla Spindt and Nancy Carlia (background) in 'Seascope.'

## Leapin' lizards—it's Albee!

By Carol Egan

To open its 1996-97 season, the Aurora Theatre Company chose Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Seascope*, first produced in New York in 1975. Albee had by that time already distinguished himself as a playwright with such noteworthy works as *The Zoo Story* (1959), *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* (1962) and *A Delicate Balance* (1966), for which he won the first of three Pulitzer prizes.

*Seascope*, a four-character play, contains many of the elements found in other Albee works: sharp dialogue, biting satire, absurd situations and problems in communication. The absurdity in *Seascope* is the confrontation which takes place between a human couple (Nancy and Charlie) and a lizard couple (Sarah and Leslie). The lizards appear shortly before the end of the first act. By this time Albee has had time to develop the human characters and give a detailed account of their present situation.

Nancy and Charlie, facing retirement and wondering what the future will bring now that child-rearing and work are behind them, are vacationing on a strip of white sandy beach (set by Rick Martin). They have arrived at this stage of life without understanding or caring much about where the other has been or wants to go.

Nancy insists that she isn't ready

to give up yet. She wants to explore the beaches of the world, and perhaps throw in a few river-rafting and mountain-climbing excursions for added excitement. Charlie, on the other hand, prefers to just rest. Whereas once it was Charlie who was adventurous (in a moment of weakness he confesses that his desire to be a fish when he was young led him to explore the ocean for hours, lingering below the surface as long as possible, communing with the other fish) he now has passively taken a back-seat to life. It is Nancy's turn to forge ahead and discover what the world has to offer in the little time she has left.

Begging him to resume his underwater explorations and to take her with him, Nancy says "You have to take me down." He responds, "You'd probably drown." Here, as throughout the play, sexual innuendos are often revealed through dialogue.

The couple's bickering is interrupted by the arrival of two giant lizards. In the second act Albee explores issues of communication. Although the four characters conveniently share a mutual language, the lizards' vocabulary is woefully undeveloped due to their place in the process of evolution. The dialogue, fast-paced and witty, also presents many thought-provoking ideas.

We are left wondering, in fact, if the lizards aren't better off in their

naivete and far less complicated lifestyle.

Director Barbara Oliver has explored every humorous moment in the script. Interestingly, her direction has been most successful with the lizards. Due to their already very theatrical appearance (costumes by Anna Oliver, constructed by Kathleen Marshall), and the emphasis on stylized movement and voice, these two characters — uh, critters — satisfy the eye and ear, and even, thanks to Albee, the mind far more than the poor humans.

Undoubtedly, that was one of the points Albee wanted to make. It is reinforced in this production by casting choices. Howard Swain (Leslie the Lizard), has a resonant voice which he uses to great effect. He also moves like a dancer and renders every twitch and pose meticulously. Nancy Carlin (Sarah Lizard) compliments him well, though she is much more demure, as lady lizards should be.

The human couple, particularly Carla Spindt as Nancy, seem some-

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## Ensemble stages engaging production

By Phyllis Lyon

The Actors Ensemble opened their 40th season last week with a thoroughly engaging production of *Other People's Money*, a morality-comedy-expose of wheeling, dealing and intrigue in the dark reaches Wall Street. The play will be on stage Friday and Saturday evenings through Nov. 16 at the Live Oak Theater in Berkeley.

Somewhat behind the topical curve, *Other People's Money* details the machinations of the hostile takeover of a prosperous, but out-moded, company by a crafty entrepreneur — think Ivan Boesky or T. Boone Pickens. In a play laced with technical jargon, playwright Jerry Sterner has a lot of explaining to do, but stellar performances by the five-member Ensemble cast, directed by Jeff Seaberg, turn it into an entertaining nail-biter.

With the meatiest role in the play, Ron Meier gives a knockout performance as Garfinkle, an amoral, foul-mouthed, arrogant, doughnut-scarfing slob-financier who schemes to accrue money for nothing, destroying a family-owned business in the process. He's Robin Hood, he says, "taking from the rich and giving to the upper middle class." Meier's sililoquies, one a metaphor of Wall Street raiders as Western gunslingers and the other making his case to the stockholders, are dramatic attention grabbers.

Meanwhile in a small Rhode Island company town, the owner and CEO of New England Wire and Cable, played with feisty good-humor by longtime Ensemble maven Ralph Miller, refuses to accept or believe that he can lose the business after all those years. Closure of the company will be disaster for the

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## New theater troupe puts on 'Hamlet'

By Wanda Sabir

I hadn't realized until actor Kenn Steven's ghost, lit in skeletal wonder, appeared on stage, that Shakespeare's *Hamlet* is thematically perfect for the Halloween season. What a great way to introduce the newest theatre on the block — the Court of Shakespeare — specializing in Elizabethan productions.

Located in the Veterans' Memorial Hall, Center Street between Milvia and Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Berkeley, this tiny theater company puts on an intimate production. On a platform 20 feet square, with the audience on three sides, this up-close-and-personal setting made the audience feel like an intimate part of the performance. We could see King Claudius's eyeballs roll in his head; Ophelia's sorrow dripped into our laps. And when the First Player pulled off his mole and tossed it, I was happy to not have been seated in the first row where it landed.

*Hamlet, Prince of Denmark* is a marvelous story of murder and lust, greed and insanity. King Claudius kills his brother, and becomes the new ruler of Denmark. Not only that, the new king, actor Kenn Stevens, marries his late brother's wife, Gertrude, played marvelously by actress Niki Dwyer. Hamlet,

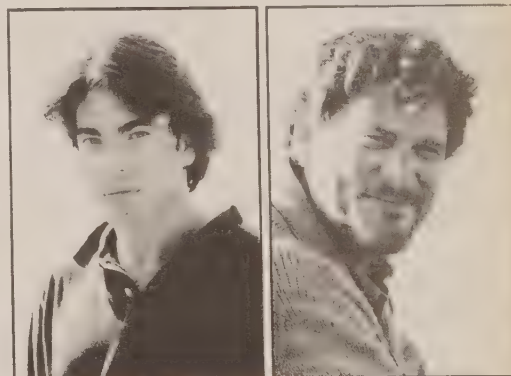
nephew, now stepson, is visited by his father's ghost and told of his uncle's treachery. The story is of Hamlet's (Brian Oldham) scheme to trap his uncle into admitting his guilt so that he can avenge his father's murder.

Hamlet is more that a little mad after seeing ghost-dad, but then so is everyone connected to this family by the final curtain.

All was not pathos, there are quite a few funny scenes. The range of talent in this company was amazing — one actor might play three, four equally difficult roles well, staying in form and not slipping as he shifted between roles. It was great to watch.

Actress Yvonne Knebel's Ophelia is wonderfully melancholy when Hamlet rejects her love; and her slow decline into madness is wonderful to see. Knebel sustains her character's bewildered innocence through her sweet voice in song, and in Ophelia's mad dances.

For the most part the performance was an even one. It was unfortunate, however, that director/actor Brian Oldham's Hamlet did not live up to his theatrical possibilities. Oldham, in the liner notes, asked why he wanted to produce *Hamlet*, a play that has been performed many



Peter Gallagher and Bruce Altman star in 'To Gillian.'

## Real people haven't got ghost of a chance

By Renata Polt

A family gathers at a country house. Grievances are ventilated and secrets hung out to air while relationships shift and shift again. Sound familiar? It should, as it's been a favorite scenario of playwrights at least as far back as Chekhov.

Enter *To Gillian* on her 37th Birthday. I went to see this because one of its stars is Claire Danes, of the late TV show *My So-called Life*. Not to mention the eye-pleasing Michelle Pfeiffer and dimpled, hunky Peter Gallagher. The movie is based on a play by Michael Brady and directed by Michael Pressman (he's directed several films, including *Some Kind of Hero* and has been involved with TV shows such as *Picket Fences* and *Chicago Hope*).

Gallagher plays David Lewis, a Boston University literature professor whose beloved wife Gillian

(Pfeiffer) died in a boating accident two years earlier. It's the anniversary of her death, and the family — daughter Rachel (Danes), Gillian's sister Esther (Kathy Baker) and her husband Paul (Bruce Altman), plus Kevin (Wendy Crewson), a blind date they've brought along, arrive at David's Nantucket beach house for the family's annual blowout, which includes a sand-castle contest and lip-synching to corny records. Is this behavior — on the birthday of a dead person — appropriate to adults? Of course not, and that's the whole point.

This is one of those movies in which the adults act like children, and the children act like adults. Sixteen-year-old Rachel's friend Cindy (Laurie Fortier) asks Paul, "Why don't you have any children? Do you shoot blanks?" At dinner, yet. The men are silly and clueless.

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(D.574), George Enescu's Sonata No. 3, Opus 25, Cesar Franck's Sonata in A major, and Preludium and Allegro in the style of Pugnani by Fritz Kreisler. Our Thing Performing Arts Company invites all to attend performances of *The Altar Piece/Alter Peace*. The multimedia dance event, featuring choreography by Oakland-born artist Soyinka Rahim, will be performed Oct. 25 at 8 p.m., Oct. 26 at 3 and 8 p.m. at the Florence Schwimley Little Theater, 1920 Allston Way in Berkeley. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door and \$5 for students and seniors. Group rates are available.

Through a framework that explores the fundamental elements necessary to spiritual and material life—water, wind, earth and fire—*The Altar Piece/Alter Peace* tells stories that are recognizably old and brand new at the same time. Rahim was inspired to create the work by the idea that altars provide a connection to the spirits in virtually every culture of the world. Altars are integral to all kinds of spiritual practice, both collective and individual, establishment and revolutionary.

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### From 16th century Vienna

Tallis Scholars, leading interpreters of Renaissance sacred vocal music, will appear Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. at First Congregational Church in Berkeley. Their program will feature works of three 16th century Viennese court composers of the Hapsburg-Hofkapelle—Heinrich Isaac, Ludwig Sengil and Phillipe de Monte. Tickets are available by calling 642-9988.

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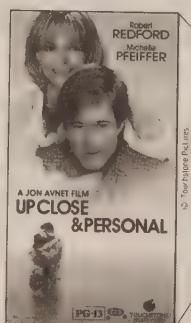
The Buddy Club kicks off its 10th anniversary season with two hilarious Halloween magic shows on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 11 a.m. Both presentations feature Bay Area legends, with Magic Mike christening the newest Buddy Club location at the Albany Community Center in the East Bay.

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## Ensemble

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employees and the town, he avows. Aided and abetted by his longstanding loyal assistant, Bea Sullivan (winnily played by Margaret Gudmundsson), CEO "Georgie" Jorgenson decides to put up a fight. Bea enlists her daughter, Kate the New York lawyer, on the good side and the battle begins. Caught between the devil and the deep is company president, William Coles (played by Irv Siegel), who's hopes for success are about to be dashed either way.

## Film

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Overreacting is everybody's m.o. Have I mentioned yet that David meets Gillian on the beach every night? Gillian is dead, remember. But she's no wispy, translucent ghost. No, this dead person acts very alive, talking to him, kissing him, going swimming with him. (They do seem to draw the line at sex.) Nobody else can see her, and David admits that she's a figment of his imagination; but she

Much of the comedy, some of it below the belt, and a lot of the vigor of *Other People's Money* comes out of the sparring between the equally matched, equally ruthless Garfinkle and Kate. They're a pair, devising ploy and counterploy, determined to win at all costs. Carolyn Cox is sharp and savvy one-upping her adversary as the dressed-for-success Kate.

Moving in for the kill, the merciless Garfinkle continues to buy up shares of Wire and Cable. Kate goes to court stopping him in his tracks temporarily, plays politics up to and

including the governor and puts the townspeople to picketing in the streets. In the end, it all comes down to the decision of the shareholders. They will decide the company's fate.

At *Other People's Money's* big finish, Jorgenson and Garfinkle address the audience, playing stockholders, directly. The owner is very persuasive, telling us of jobs that will be lost, lives ruined, a community destroyed. Garfinkle, using the famous buggy whip analogy, argues with unassailable logic that the company is too far behind the

times to survive regardless of the profit we'll enjoy, sell.

*Other People's Money* as a comedy and it does have dialogue and situations. A comedy definition requires a comedy to have a happy ending. Whether the play ends happily may depend on your opinion of corporate and whether or not you'd sell your stock in New Wire and Cable. Either way, Actors Ensemble provides a fun and enjoyable evening of theater.

sure seems real in the movie.

Which leads to Rachel's aunt Esther attempting to get Rachel to come live with her and Paul permanently. Esther acts so obnoxious that any normal person would throw her out of the house long before the weekend was over, but if that happened, there'd be no movie.

"To Gillian" script, by David E. Kelley (another *Pickier Fences* and *Chicago Hope* veteran) contains some witty writing—I liked

## Hamlet

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times, said that a play's popularity is just the reason to keep on doing it. And he is right. When done well, I never tire of hearing memorable lines spoken again and again. And Hamlet has some great lines.

Oldham's Hamlet was the lesser figure in more than one scene. His character seemed to get energy and drive from the highly charged scenes that proceeded his own. Oldham didn't seem able to generate the passion that would have made his

Hamlet a convincing character.

"The plays the thing..." Hamlet says, and it really is, especially when you want to have fun and don't know what to do. Warm attire is recommended. The theatre gets chilly with wandering ghosts and all.

*The Court of Shakespeare's Hamlet, the Prince of Denmark. Shows are October 25-27 and Nov. 1-3, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 students and seniors. For more information call 444-8575.*

## Aurora

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what young for their roles. In both movement and speech they are weaker than their amphibian counterparts. Although this seems appropriate for Albee's script, it is at times distracting. In the long run, their continual fusing and fuming make us wonder finally whether this evolution thing was such a good deal after all.

Seeking to present theater that places high value on words and

ideas, the Aurora has once more chosen a fitting vehicle. Though there are some slow moments, particularly in Act One, the production is certainly provocative and entertaining. If that's not a major goal for any theater, what is?

*Seascape* continues through Nov. 10 at the Berkeley City Club, home of the Aurora Theatre Company. For information and tickets call 843-4822. The Berkeley City Club is located at 2315 Durant.

the description of a tiny bikini as "rectal floss," and the love-making of a long-married couple as "seasonal"—but when it comes to characters, the models come from other movies and plays rather than real life. Or do you know people who go swimming with their dead loved ones?

The one exception is Rachel, the only character who reacts to situations in a somewhat believable fashion. Scared of her own blos-

soming sexuality, resentful of her father ignores her in favor of a dead mother, she's by turns cute as she was on "So-Called"—everybody grows up, she's still got charm and burn.

"To Gillian" is fun to hear. Those Nantucket sunbathers! Those gorgeous beach people! That course, by a college literature professor on leave.

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While accommodations are a definite attraction, one need only step into the dining room to partake of the visual and palatable sensations. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., the Greenhouse at the Rose Garden Inn offers a seasonal limited menu under the direction of Chef Randall Brown.

Brown has created a menu that is varied and satisfies. Currently the entrees featured include a pepper seared ahi that is presented on a bed of French lentils with buttered bok choy (\$16.50), oven-roasted free range chicken with potato gratin and swiss chard (\$14.50), grilled Pacific salmon (\$16), coriander crusted filet (\$17.25) and grilled rack of lamb that rests on a bed of delicious polenta (\$18.50). Additional offerings include a wild mushroom risotto that is accented with mascarpone and the house made ravioli that is stuffed with smoked salmon mousse. Starters begin with a soup du jour (\$6) and range from a filet mignon carpaccio (\$7.50) to a choice of salads (\$6.50).

Portions are plentiful with attention to accompanying items and overall presentation. Service is friendly and the atmosphere here is extremely intimate. The Greenhouse overlooks the lovely gardens thereby creating a picturesque and romantic setting. While the elegance and charm of the Rose Garden Inn may provoke interest for special occasions, don't hesitate to embrace the Greenhouse for its delightful offerings Tuesday through Saturday. For reservations call (510) 549-2145.

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**WEEKEND SCENE:** Rachelle Ferrell at Kimball's East...Pepe Y Su Orquesta Friday and Orquesta Gitano Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednesday at Cafe Caracas...Julie Harrison Duo Friday and Matt Brubeck and David Widlock Saturday at Daniel's in Albany...Live Music Sunday afternoon in the Courtyard at Jack London Village...John Turk Thursday and Sunday at the Ramada Inn...Dick Hyman Saturday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Jazmin Thursday, Lilli & the Jazz Doctors Friday and Vivian Perry Sunday in the Terrace Room at the Lake Merritt Hotel...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building.

Peter White Ensemble at Yoshi's Nitespot...Buddy Conner Wednesday, Cami Thompson Thursday and Brenda Boykin Friday with the Eddie Pasternak/Roger Glenn at Gertrude Stein...Robin Hodge-Williams Sunday Gospel Brunch at Geoffrey's Inner Circle...Rhonda Benin and the Soulful Strut Band Friday and the Rhythm Shicks Saturday at the Baltic...Joint Chiefs Friday and Ron Thompson and the Resisters at Eli's Mile High Club...Bucket House Saturday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co....George Glover Tuesday through Saturday at Maestro's San Ramon...Soul Attraction at Brennan's...Kathy Kallick Friday, the Cats & Jammers Saturday and Hank Bradley and Cathie Whitesides Sunday at Freight & Salvage.

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**If One Is Good, Two Is Better:** Yes, it's true. I've adopted another kitten!

I did it because it was becoming increasingly clear that Nelly was unhappy. Every night when I came home, she'd attack me and bite my hands and generally be a royal pain. I was starting to wonder what kind of mess I had gotten myself into.

But last Thursday night it hit me: If this was a child instead of a cat, I'd say the kid was acting out. She was asking for attention. She was bored.

So I took a good, hard look at my schedule. When you add it all up, I'm only able to give her an hour or so of quality time each night, and that's just not enough for a developing kitten.

Ergo, Nelly needed a playmate.

The next morning, by coincidence, one of my co-workers brought in a kitten who had been rescued a few days before from a feral cat colony.

I brought her home and named her Phoebe. And Nelly promptly freaked out.

She chased poor Phoebe all over the apartment; and believe me, this was not innocent kitten play. She was serious.

"Oh no!" I thought to myself. "Now, instead of one neurotic cat, I'm going to wind up with two neurotic cats!"

I kept them in different rooms over the weekend. First, I'd go into one room and make nice to Nelly. Then I'd go into the other room and make nice to Phoebe. Then I'd cross my fingers and let them mingle. And World War III would break out all over again.

By Monday I was a nervous wreck. Maybe they'd both survive this phase, but I knew that I sure wouldn't. I was desperate.

That's when I called Kate Gamble, feline behaviorist.

Kate teaches a course at The San Francisco SPCA called "Cat Behavior 101." I figured if anyone could save me, she could.

It took her less than five minutes. "Put them in adjoining rooms and use a cinder block to wedge the door open one inch," she said. "That's wide enough for them to sniff and paw at each other, but nothing more. After a while, Nelly will realize that Phoebe isn't really a threat."

And lo! It came to pass exactly as she said. Within an hour, they were playing and scampering and rolling and tumbling and acting like long-lost littermates. And they haven't stopped.

And the change in Nelly has been phenomenal. She doesn't bite my hands anymore; she bites Phoebe, instead. And not only does Phoebe not mind, she bites back.

They have a favorite toy — a little piece of fluff with a bell attached. Whenever one of them wants to play, she summons the other by ringing the bell; and the other one immediately comes scampering out of hiding.

Since they made their breakthrough, I've been walking around with a big grin on my face. I can't help it.

I've finally been able to admit to myself how sad I've been — and not just the few months since Eliza died, either.

I now realize that for several years I was tending a dying cat, injecting her with fluids and shoving pills down her throat. Despite the stoic forbearance with which she bore these ministrations, I knew it was torture for her. And it broke my heart to watch her sliding inexorably downhill.

But now I have two adorable little kittens cavorting in my home, all full of spunk and curiosity and a boundless joy of living. My life is happy again.

Thank you, Kate Gamble.

...

Since I told you a few weeks ago whom I named Nelly after (Nelly Custis, George Washington's granddaughter), I ought to tell you how Phoebe got her name.

I named her after one of my heroes from the Civil War, Phoebe Yates Pember.

She was the matron of Chimborazo Hospital in Richmond, the largest hospital in the Confederacy — or anywhere else in the world at that time.

The know-it-all male doctors pooh-poohed her ideas, things that are standard procedure nowadays, like providing sanitary conditions and decent food.

Despite the fact that she was both female and Jewish — not exactly a ticket to power in the Old South (or in the New South, either, for that matter) — she outmaneuvered them and ran the hospital according to her own standards.

As a result, the survival rate for her patients was 10 times better than at any other hospital, North or South.

And her "boys," as she called them, were grateful. Searching for the perfect compliment, one of them told her, "You're prettier than a pair of pink shoes with green laces!"

And so is my new little kitten.

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## Parking

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moving one block south, the parking spaces were again going to be freed up for Del Norte Place patrons.

The next morning, though, those patrons couldn't even get in the parking lot, let alone park on the street.

"I got to work this morning, and they had closed off the entire entrance driveway," said Wong. "They had cones across and had their cars parked in the third lane, all the way from Knott Street to the end of the No Parking zone."

"Then this morning, they started painting the parking zone red...."

"As of yesterday, we thought they had just put the (merging lane) on the wrong block. It should have been one block south. Now I don't know what they're doing. They mess up everything without letting anybody know what they're doing."

## Measure R

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After moving on to other business while a final batch of protests were counted, the council then formed the assessment district. The fate of Measure R, which would assess home owners and businesses \$69 per equivalent unit to buy land on Albany Hill, restore creeks and maintain or acquire play fields, will now rest in the hands of the voters.

The issue has generated a furious, behind-the-scenes lobbying campaign during the past few weeks by opponents who have tried to overturn endorsements the measure received and say Brodsky violated the Political Reform Act by voting on the matter July 29.

The Sierra Club's Northern Alameda County group voted 6-2 last week, with one abstention, to oppose the measure, despite a vote taken earlier this summer by the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Bay Chapter to endorse it. The NAC group's vote, not a

While Wong was speaking, Walker was on the phone working things out with Ghilotti Bros.

Walker described herself as completely frustrated by the situation. She confirmed Wong's statement that no one at Del Norte had been informed ahead of time of the changes that were contemplated. She also described the employees she worked with at the site as completely uncooperative.

"I've never in my life dealt with someone so rude," she said. "He wouldn't even give me his name."

Making no progress at that end, Walker called Raycraft, who confirmed that the merge lane was to have been moved to the block between Cutting and Knott, rather than between Knott and Wall.

In her subsequent telephone conversation with Ghilotti Bros., Walker was told the change had indeed been made; the company had just not received word yet

from Caltrans.

"They went back to their office for paperwork," said. "They've been gone since 11:30 this morning and just got back (at about 4 p.m.)."

"The worst part is that they didn't tell us any of this. They were out doing central striping morning and blocked our whole driveway. If they have to do their job, but they have to be warned, so I can let our merchants know we didn't tell us any of this would be taking place all."

After her phone conversation, Walker was confident the situation would be righted. At 4:30 p.m., said, the contractor was removing the red paint from the curbs.

"They're going to have to stay here until we if it takes them that long to fix it," she said.

normal part of the endorsement process, was immediately followed by a unanimous decision by the SF Bay chapter to maintain the endorsement.

The following statement was then issued by Tim Frank, chair of the California Conservation Committee, the club's top wrong trustee:

"The Sierra Club has one position with respect to Measure R, and that position is unequivocally supportive. No entity of the club has any other position on Measure R, nor is any authorized to adopt such a position. The Sierra Club is one club — and it has one position on Measure R, and we unequivocally support it."

The statement was followed by the resignation of San Leandro resident Toni Loveland, acting chair for the NAC group, who wrote the following to the Executive Committee:

"The (committee's) positions on important issues, Albany's Measure R being only one of many, are

indefensible. Flagrant disregard of local action favor of coypolitical alliances have made it impossible to accomplish environmental goals."

The Albany Little League, which has endorsed the measure, also held a special meeting Saturday to think their position. According to Bob Whelan, secretary to the league's Board of Directors, the vote was 7-1, with one abstention, to maintain the measure.

Suspicions are also smoldering about Brodsky's vote on the measure in July. An increasingly large number of opponents say he violated the Political Reform Act because he owns a home within the land slated to be purchased if the measure passes.

Brodsky, however, says he got permission to own a matter from the state's Fair Political Practices Commission and is awaiting a letter which will require the commission's approval.

## Teachers

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insulting that these teachers have to walk down the street with picket signs. It should have been settled in June, you need to get your priorities straight," one woman yelled at board members interrupting a speech by board president Alan Riffer.

The speech came in the middle of student board member Michael Schakow's report, in which he reiterated students' anxiety over teachers' decision not to participate in voluntary services, such as after school activities and lunch time or after class meetings.

"Students are slowly but surely taking on a more active role in expressing their frustration that as long as current negotiations remain stalled it's effecting their education," he said adding that students should not be used by either side and that while students shouldn't be taking sides, they have a right to encourage a settlement.

Last Wednesday more than 75 high school students walked out of classes and marched in mass to the district's administrative offices at Cornell School. Once there a number of students reportedly entered the building demanding to speak with school superintendent Dale Hudson, who reportedly met with them outside the building for a half an hour.

Before Schakow could complete his report Tuesday night, Riffer interrupted to deliver a lengthy "personal statement" responding to controversy over a memo sent to teachers by Hudson stating an "expectation of professional conduct" by teachers which includes "providing students with incorrect information... undue discussion during class, and/or the offer of grade enhancements for demonstrating support."

Teachers took the memo as an allegation of misconduct. Riffer took the position Tuesday that the teachers' contract includes extracurricular activities and

withheld services should be restored.

"Students are being harmed. None of those withheld services creates additional money to pay for raises," he concluded, drawing hisses and boos from the audience and an angry response from Schakow.

"I'm seething that this issue has to come up at all. I think it's indicative that it came up during the student board members' report," he said.

Teachers too continue to take offense at the board's perceived lack of understanding or willingness to settle.

"The things you said tonight are going to make it hard for me. I feel a lot of disrespect in the statements. I come to you extremely tired, a bit sad and very mad," second grade Marin School teacher Dina Peterson told board members.

"I don't like receiving letters insinuating that I'm not doing my job and am in violation of my contract. I give 150 percent," she said.

Albany Teachers Association President Susan Charlip said in a later interview that teachers are "following their contract to the letter and not one letter beyond. Teachers are here before school and after school and have many obligations we are fulfilling."

At the same time, however, she said that teachers withdrawal from voluntary services "we regularly give our time to... is happening individually at each school site because of undue pressure on us that is preventing us from fulfilling commitments."

She said teachers are not being told or encouraged to involve students in protest activities or pressure tactics, but also said "I applaud the students for getting involved in the events that effect their lives. I'm sorry none of them came to speak to me before (walking out of classes). I would have told them to make sure they know the facts if they really want to help teachers."

"I don't think their education is suffering at all, if

anything they are getting more of an education because they are learning how the world effects them. Our job is not to hurt children but to get the board to take action," Charlip said.

A majority of the speaking time Tuesday was taken by more than a dozen parents unanimously supporting teachers request for a 6 percent salary increase. The district has offered a 1.8 percent increase.

One parent spoke against increasing salaries Tuesday. Four teachers spoke, comparing their status to other districts' which are giving larger salary increases to teachers, bemoaning the district's alleged unwillingness to find money within the budget to offset larger settlement and criticizing board members' attitude toward teachers.

"The very last thing (teachers) want to do is have a strike. I know not what course others will take but for me, I'm willing to strike if that's what it will take," teacher Michael Beer said.

Riffer was the only board member to respond to speakers comments, saying that he supports teachers quest for a fair settlement.

"It's the governor who, because of his relationship with the California Teacher's Association, deserves funds so that it is squirreled away and ties our hands. We can't take that to the bargaining table," Riffer said of a recent infusion of state funds earmarked for education programs or nonrecurring costs.

Negotiations between teachers and the district have been stalled for months, but may resume next week after review of the district's budget by newly hired business manager Ralph Hatland and a representative from the California Teachers Association. If pending negotiations remain deadlocked one or both parties may choose to impasse and call in a state mediator.

## Council

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Avenue as a good way to swell city coffers.

Ely painted himself as the candidate who would help bring the community back together in the wake of numerous controversial decisions the council has made over the past few years, and reiterated his opposition to Measure R. He also cast his support for citizen-sponsored Measure Q (see related story) and vowed never to remove an appointee and never to vote in favor of a removal unless Measure Q's "for cause" requirement was met.

Good for the most part relied on his voting record, which includes a long string of "no" votes on controversial issues. He also pointed out that he was the only candidate to receive a Sierra Club endorsement and his support for Measure R.

With the exception of her proposal to bring in a research park to increase city revenue, Thomsen remained elusive on many issues, particularly the middle school. She pointed to her many years of service on the

School Board and on various commissions and committees, and repeated earlier promises to be a council member who will listen to her constituents.

The four candidates will be running for three open seats, with Good, who is currently Vice Mayor, the only incumbent.

The debate heated up somewhat when Caine and Denton found their way to the front of the room. While Caine, who chairs the Charter Review Committee, originally ran because the position had not been contested in 15 years, Sunday night saw him veritably brimming with new ideas, including increased communication with the public from the historically low-key position to a possible parking back of duties for which the treasurer is paid.

Both candidates pointed to their resumes as reasons they should be elected. Denton said she had 18 years of bookkeeping experience, while Caine, a computer consultant, said he could help the city work out bugs in its computer system without bringing in expensive

consultants.

The issue of the exaggerated budget deficit predictions during the 1994 cardroom campaign came up twice during the debate, with one question revolving around whether it was the treasurer's job to inform the public of such a discrepancy. While Denton said she would be the job of the city's Finance Director, Caine said that although it was outside of the scope of the treasurer's duties, they could make it their business to do so.

Denton also said she didn't think the deficit had been exaggerated. According to city records, though, the figure given by former City Administrator John Nachbar, which was subsequently reproduced in a newsletter and campaign literature, set the deficit for fiscal year 1997/98 \$205,000 higher than any other estimation would support.

Those who missed the debate can catch it on Albany cable channel 17, where it will be broadcast, beginning from Friday, Nov. 1, through Monday, Nov. 4, and

spoke for completing facilities work before construction of the new school.

Candidates also addressed the growing unrest over teachers and stalled negotiations with the district over salary increases.

Cain spoke for an open dialogue with teachers. "Our teachers are experiencing a great deal of frustration because they are not being heard," Jones and McMahon both said they support the teachers' position.

Candidates also touched on the issue of drug and alcohol use among high school students. McMahon favors closing the high school campus at lunch, to impact those students have been having on the community is not acceptable. Lunch time at Albany High School has become happy hour."

Cain pointed to the current effort city-wide to develop a youth master plan that will help "identify issues, develop goals and find ways to deal with those issues."

Okawachi is one, among her various activities, has already worked on the issue, giving seminars to parents identify drug and alcohol problems and working on the city's youth task force to implement programs to target the problems.

In terms of improving the relationship between the City Council and school board, McMahon agreed the relationship is terrible. They can't even decide who owns the median strip on Key Route Boulevard. Right now they are just pointing fingers at each other."

## Board

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teacher in the Oakland Unified School District who has three children in the Albany school district. McMahon is a civil engineer who, like Jones, is a newcomer to public service, but has perhaps attended more of Board of Education meetings in the past year than the other candidates combined.

The candidates are vying for two open seats.

Jones repeatedly spoke for retrofitting current school sites before building new facilities. McMahon is against construction of a new middle school at all, Cain is "focusing on kids," and Okawachi is running on her 35 year "passion" of working for youth.

Asked about the district's ability to house students without the use of portable classrooms, Okawachi said the sooner the new middle school is built the sooner that problem will be resolved. While recognizing the "tremendous opportunity" of class size reduction, Cain said he's not sure the district can educate students without the use of portables.

"The fact that kids are in portables doesn't mean they are getting an inferior education," he said.

Jones said the district should have "dealt with Measure A two years ago, then we wouldn't have the problems we have now," while McMahon said the district should build a new elementary school on the proposed

middle school site to meet classroom demand.

All candidates agreed that Vista and MacGregor elementary school should remain open, though under the district's current plan they are slated for closure after the current middle school reopens as an elementary school.

On mitigating the effects of the new middle school, McMahon did not seem to hold much hope. "I'm extremely disappointed by the environmental review process that has occurred. The district has not responded to all the comments received," Jones reiterated his belief that the school is ill-conceived and did not address future mitigations. Okawachi said she's hoping the city and district will "work more closely together to mitigate issues that come up. There has to be better cooperation," she said.

Cain said he doesn't think "we're at a point where we should stop and start over. We have kids coming out of our ears. We need classrooms throughout the district as soon as possible, but we need to be sensitive to our neighbors. There is still plenty of opportunity to listen to people in the neighborhood."

Both Okawachi and Cain said they believe the district can accomplish building a new school in addition to system wide retrofitting and facilities upgrades. Cain said the problem of completing demands for bond money may be solved by cost cutting efforts, pointing to his efforts to pare down the community center's \$8.1 million construction budget to \$5 million. McMahon and Jones both



## Rebblers: past, present and what's to come

With the recent passage of legislation creating the California Earthquake Authority, the homeowner's insurance crisis, which has been building since the 1994 Northridge earthquake, seems finally on the verge of a solution.

### Background

The earthquake, which shook Northridge in January 1994, shook the insurance industry as well, costing it in excess of \$12 billion in insurance claims. Coming on the heels of other recent California disasters such as the Loma Prieta earthquake and the Oakland hills fire, the insurance industry's bank accounts were not looking particularly healthy. Heightened concern about the imminence of the 'big one' didn't help.

For example a recent Stanford study showed a greater likelihood than previously thought that the off-predicted large quake along the Hayward Fault may occur along the same fault line, rather than just part of it. This could result in a Richter scale magnitude of 7.3-7.5 instead of the previously anticipated 6.8-7.0.

Although the difference in numbers doesn't seem large, it actually

represents a 60 percent larger quake in terms of energy release. As a result of these kinds of fears, as many as 90 percent of the carriers active in the California market before Northridge are estimated to have withdrawn. These carriers often cite fear of bankruptcy resulting from another big earthquake.

The industry wished to reduce its exposure and complained that state regulators didn't allow them to realistically price earthquake policies. Insurance companies mounted a campaign to repeal or amend the statute, which required not only to sell homeowner's insurance in California but to offer the homeowner the opportunity to purchase earthquake insurance as well.

Consumer groups and trade organizations like the California Association of Realtors objected. They feared that "delinkage", as this solution was called, would leave the sizeable number of homeowners living in earthquake prone areas with no ability to insure against this risk.

A domino scenario was envisaged: no insurance would result in no financing which would result in plummeting property values.

For a while a national solution, in the form of a National Disaster Insurance Corporation, was hoped for. House Speaker Newt Gingrich's "Contract With America" didn't contain any such provision, however.

## REAL ESTATE LAW CORNER



ROBERT HAYES

**If you already own your home and have homeowner's coverage, don't take a renewal policy for granted.**

The legislature got the message. Prompted by Insurance Commissioner Quakenbush, it began to move in the direction of creating what would eventually become known as the California Earthquake Authority (CEA).

All the while, the carriers were writing fewer new policies and renewing fewer existing policies as a way of reducing risk and creating pressure for a solution.

According to a survey conducted this spring by the California Department of Insurance, only one half of one percent of all policies were free of such major restrictions as those concerning proximity to earthquake zones or hillsides, both of prime concern in the East Bay.

Larger carriers like Fireman's Fund, Allstate and Aetna imposed these restrictions. They also set a limit on the dollar amount of insurance available and on the original offerings contained earthquake zone. With hillside restrictions companies lowered the number of policies its agents were authorized to write.

According to some reports, State Farm has deliberately allowed its number of policyholders to decline by 40,000 since 1994. The trend was not encouraging. Absent a solution, fewer new policies were expected to be written and more existing policies were expected to be cancelled or not renewed.

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Marsha Quick, left and Karen Ward host Woman to Woman.

## Workshop for women

Homeownership creates personal financial security, stabilizes and strengthens families and neighborhoods, and stimulates jobs and economic growth. President Clinton has said: "When women thrive, families thrive. When families thrive, communities flourish, and our nation reaps the benefits."

At a recent national conference held in Oakland, Realtor Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and mortgage broker Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage were invited to speak at a roundtable discussion on increasing homeownership among women.

Quick spoke of the growth of this segment of the market and of a woman's special concerns. "Workshops are a great way to get information apart from a sales situation," she said. "Homebuying can be so much more comfortable when a woman understands the process and has selected a team of professionals to counsel her along the way."

"You can't simply tell someone 'This is a good neighborhood,'" said Quick. "Women need to have ways to make the decision about the quality of the neighborhood through their own eyes."

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Bonnie Putnam



Marsha Quick

### Agent of the Week - Marsha Quick

Unpredictable housing market, style trends (remodel or reface?), home inspections for the times (psychic vs. feng shui)? So much has changed since I began my real estate career in 1976, but the one constant is my sincere enjoyment working with and meeting new friends and business associates.

I want to take this harvest season to thank all of my clients and associates who have made my job so rewarding. Thank you for your support and commitment to me.

A special thanks to Karen Ward, my partner in producing *Woman to Woman*, a homebuying workshop in Albany. Through this workshop (next seminar October 26) I have met over 100 participants. Their positive enthusiasm and our exchange of essential knowledge became vital to a team approach, enabling several of these women to purchase new homes. For more information contact Marsha at (510) 527-3387 ext. 107.

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## Hayes...

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For a while, the California FAIR Plan, since 1968 the state's insurer of last resort, though funded by the insurance industry, bridged the gap writing about 25 percent of the state's homeowners' insurance policies.

But then, on June 1 of this year, FAIR Plan coverage ceased to be available when Commissioner Quakenbush, citing the huge disparity between coverage written (\$13.5 billion) and premiums collected (\$40 million), turned off the spigot.

If future losses should exceed collected premiums, the deficit would have to be funded from special assessments against the carriers.

Because of the large amounts anticipated, consumer groups cried foul. They alleged that the Commissioner was acting on behalf of the insurance companies, from whom he had received large campaign contributions in 1994.

At about the same time, an appellate court ruled in favor on the insurance industry in a lawsuit alleging that the major insurers had violated the state's laws against unfair business practices by refusing to sell homeowner's policies since the Northridge earthquake.

In effect, the court said, in the case of *Wolfe v. State Farm Fire & Casualty Ins. Co.* that this is a problem for the legislature, not the legal system.

The CEA had become the only game in town.

### The California Earthquake Authority

The CEA was approved by the legislature and signed into law by the governor in late September. The authority creates a \$10.5 billion fund to cover the earthquake insurance policies. It encourages

carriers to return to the homeowners insurance market by fashioning and pricing earthquake policies they can live with, while fulfilling their legal duty to offer such coverage—if they want to sell the more lucrative homeowners policies.

The funding, which does not involve tax dollars, will be cobbled together from all of the players: the first billion dollars will come directly from the insurance industry, the next 5 and one-half billion dollars will also come from the insurance industry, this time in the form of a contingency fund.

Then, 2 billion dollars will come from so-called reinsurers, one billion dollars from bonds paid for by assessments.

Finally, one and one-half billion dollars will be from bonds sold to private investors. A key provision of this fund is that all earnings of these contributions will be tax-exempt, thus enabling the fund to grow at a substantially faster rate.

What will all this money buy the average policyholder? Not much, frankly. The earthquake insurance policies that the CEA will soon be writing are decidedly minimum coverage models.

Only the primary structure will be covered. There will be no coverage for garages, fences, landscaping, spas, swimming pools, etc. There will be a 15 percent deductible, a \$5000 limit on personal property loss, and a \$1500 living expenses limit.

How much will it cost? Present estimates predict a premium cost of up to \$5.75 per thousand dollars of coverage. This depending on such factors as where you live and whether or not the primary structure is made of unreinforced masonry, more easily damaged in an earthquake.

Thus, for example, a \$300,000 no frills policy with a hefty deductible could wind up costing as

much as \$1725 per year, and probably will in large parts of Alameda and most Bay Area counties.

The good news, of course, is that at least there will be minimal coverage and it may even prove possible to purchase supplemental coverage from participating carriers.

### What To Do Next

The CEA may begin issuing policies by the first of December. Until then, the recommendations made some time ago by the California Association of Realtors are still appropriate and my comments are based upon them. Both buyers and sellers should not simply assume insurance coverage, homeowner's or earthquake, will be available.

If you're a buyer, start looking early and either don't remove your financing contingency until you've nailed down an acceptable policy or consider including a separate insurance policy contingency in your offer.

If you remove your financing contingency and are subsequently unable to find a homeowner's policy you can afford, your lender will not fund your loan and you will be in breach of your contract.

If you already own your home and have homeowner's coverage, don't take a renewal policy for granted. Start looking early to make sure you will have one that you can afford when the time comes.

Once the CEA is up and running, obtaining new policies and replacing existing policies will be through the participating insurers and their agents. It will seem like a normal market until you get ready to pay the premium!

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## 'Engines' for searching the 'Net

By H. W. Moss

Search engines are the tools Web surfers use to find sites of interest to them on the Internet. Unless you have all the addresses memorized, when you go on the Net looking for new material a search engine is one of the first places you go.

For example, you put in the phrase "real estate" and what comes back are addresses of web sites containing that subject. How well a search engine does that, how fast and how close it comes to locating your field of interest ought to determine which engine you use the most.

No one knows exactly how many search engines exist but Netscape lists 22. Five of those — Yahoo!, Lycos, Magellan, Excite, InfoSeek — appear on buttons right after you arrive at Netscape's Netsearch site. The others appear at the bottom of that page and all are clickable links to search engine sites.

If you went through America On Line you would have access to one, Webcrawler (webcrawler.com), which is under their Search the Web button. That's search engine number 23.

Which is the best? There is not one that does everything better than all the others. Your use of a particular search engine will be a matter of personal choice although

there is a number of differences between them. Alta Vista is fast but far too comprehensive for my taste and not particularly discerning.

Choosing one over the other might have more to do with what they come up with than how fast they accomplish a search. Some people are looking for speed, others for features (parameters) and the more of those you use the slower your search will be.

All of them come up with much more than you dreamed you'd find and overlaps naturally occur. The amount of overlap may be your determining factor.

I like Magellan, but that is purely subjective. Yahoo! is one of the largest but not the fastest. Alta Vista can find things you never thought to ask it for. Neither makes any observation about the places they locate, merely offers either the site author's description (usually self-serving) or all the key words that fit your search.

Excite gives a percentage rating on how close your search is to the parameters you gave it. That way you can decide for yourself how well what is on each site relates to what you searched for which is important when there are thousands to choose from.

But a percentage is not an accurate assessment if you have wide-ranging needs. Unfortunately, many

of the search engines are current. By that I mean locate an address only when you go there the longer up and running.

Real estate is a term and a subject heading search engines. Magellan returned 40,404 results and the first 311 close matches. I prefer Magellan because it offers comments or reviews of web site. These are thumbnail descriptions which usually include a lot of its worth.

The descriptions are by the site author and if they or no value to visiting it, it tells you that.

"This is essentially a commercial," it says of the California Real Estate Foundation's Orange County website. [www.homesale.com](http://www.homesale.com)

Windemere Real Estate [www.windemere.com](http://www.windemere.com) comment: "What appears to be a run-of-the-mill real estate website quickly turns into a showing exceptional listings, advisors, on-line business."

The problem I found is that though Magellan's staff reviews, you cannot always find the review. On the Home

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## Women...

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own investigation." Ward, outlined the material covered in the free workshop she conducts with Quick, "Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying a Home of Your Own."

"Many women, who thought that marriage, family and a house would come, are tired of putting

their lives on hold as they wait for their knight in shining armor," said Ward.

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(From left) Andrej Slapar, Franc Slapar and Robert Nachtwey

## Julie Nachtwey

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### Team Players

These three team members played together for Mersey Soccer Club, as well as Bishop O'Dowd Varsity Soccer. The '96 O'Dowd Grads are still playing together at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Call Julie Nachtwey

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Light at Ultra Lucca enhances the building's Mediterranean atmosphere with details such as a rope motif in the ceiling plate, verdigris supports and the classic shape of the hand-painted bowls.

## Shedding light on the East Bay

After months of searching, Linda Van der Meer had nearly given up

when she found the perfect place for her new business.

Van der Meer, owner of Exciting Lighting, says Van der Meer's experience is common among individuals who want to express themselves through their lighting.

What's available in many showrooms doesn't work for people who want their lighting to reflect their personal taste, explains Morris.

She wroom lighting by definition can't make a strong or personal statement because it needs to appeal to a general audience. High quality materials attract the public.

Like many homeowners in the Oakland Hills, Van der Meer represents the confluence of two decorating trends. During the 1980s and early 1990s, restaurant owners began to spend generously on their decor, and high quality materials—such as marble, granite, alabaster, blown glass and handworked metals—made their way into the public eye. Restaurant patrons viewed these lavish interiors and began to incorporate the materials into their residential interior design.

More recently, in a trend particular to the East Bay, homeowners are using the rebuilding process as an opportunity to express their personalities. The new homes frequently incorporate a variety of custom work, which reflects the owners' taste better than off-the-shelf materials.

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## The art of accurate home pricing

How proper pricing and inspection can get you a better price up front and protect you from sharp agents and deal killer inspections later on and how to regain the bargaining advantage if you have lost it

### Pricing

Price high and you will sell low, and vice versa. The successful seller will believe the agent who honestly evaluates their property and will price within the market — and just a tad below what the agent picks as the probable sales price. They will get multiple bids and sell over their asking price. Once in a blue moon the overpriced listing does sell and everyone hopes the blue moon will shine on them.

But for the most part sellers with stars in their eyes or the "but-I've-got-this-much-in-it" blues will price above the market, and miss out on the enthusiasm inspired by a well-priced fresh listing. They will wind up three months later, in desperation, gratefully taking an offer below what they could have received in the first place.

I have seen this happen over and over again. Recently a seller insisted upon an initial price of \$500,000 on a property we had told them would sell at \$429,000.

During the following 6-8 months, while the price moved down, they failed to maintain the property and ended up with a net of \$409,000. If your price is a little low, don't worry, the market will not only correct it, you will get your choice of buyers from the several offers you will receive.

### Listen to your agent

Unfortunately sellers frequently want to "be the expert", rather than taking the advice of the Realtor has been out there moving houses for 10 or 20 years. If you want to sell, listen to the recommended price of the Realtor who knows you are alike the back of their hand. Do not pay attention to the out of area Realtor who quotes a higher price than the local Realtors or you will have a long, lonely wait.

### Inspection

Get your own professional inspection before listing. Most profes-

sional inspectors are wonderful. Have one inspect your home and prepare a report for you prior to listing. Fix the cheap problems. Get bids on the expensive ones. Price your property with the inspection in mind. Show the inspection results to serious prospective buyers. The up front inspection should help you get a better price and prevent buyer claims during or after the sale.

### Open houses

Open houses for agents show your home's appeal to agents who have buyers. You don't need more than one public open house to sell your house if it is priced right. Hold an open house for agents followed by one public open house and sit back. If your house is priced right lots of agents will show it in the next few days. If no one shows up, the price is wrong. Fix it fast!

### Deal killer inspectors

A deal killer inspector is one who presents a long deadly list of faults to the buyer and does not distinguish between major and minor items. Such an inspector is usually used by a buyer's agent who has promised her client that she can bring the price down through an inspection and that most items will not have to be fixed anyway!

Prospective buyers should be informed about any problems, large or small. However you do not need magnification of small problems or exaggeration of normal conditions to be used as leverage to reduce the sale price or increase buyer credits.

Beware. I will never forget the inspector who told a buyer that all the stucco needed to come off a house he was considering buying. (He might well have been right, but ten years later, to my knowledge, the house has not yet shed its stucco.) Needless to say my buyer found a different house.

This time we used a different inspector who noted that the property was 40 feet directly above a creek, but that it had an extra strong concrete foundation to protect it. The buyer purchased the house and lives in it happily. Note the difference in emphasis. If an agent with a known deal killer makes an offer, do your best not to get into contract with an

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GEORGE ORAM

agent who is using a deal killer Inspector who will present you with a damning written report along with a large credit request. How to regain the bargaining advantage.

If you find yourself in negotiations with such an agent and buyer, 1) Ask them politely to do an inspection first and then present an offer.

Tell them you will not accept a written report, which can be a big liability if shown to other buyers. By law any written inspection results, right or wrong, must be disclosed to prospective buyers.

If you have not already done so, immediately have your agent get you an inspection from a fair inspector who writes a balanced report. Your agent will know who these agents and inspectors are.

In the meantime, if the offer indicates that it is time to lower your asking price, do it. That is, if the offer is substantially lower than your asking price, lower your price immediately to attract multiple offers.

If you get the price right at the outset you will get several offers and can avoid getting stuck in a difficult negotiation with someone with a deal killing inspection.

### Summary

Spend the money to have your own professional inspection before listing and prepare yourself for sale by fixing what you can. List at the right price at the outset. Do so and you will get the very best price early in the listing and from people who bid with enthusiasm. If you overprice, you can lose both time and money, and later fall prey to the extra sharp agent with a deal killer inspection.

George Oram is owner of ERI/ Better Homes and Gardens in Berkeley. He can be reached at 883-7000.

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406 Channing - \$605,000  
412 Channing - \$440,000  
1134 College - \$200,000  
1414 Gibbons Dr. - \$378,000  
1144 Holly St. - \$210,000  
440 Lincoln - \$125,000  
119 Orr Rd. - \$254,000  
157 Sable Point - \$358,000  
615 Waterfall - \$300,000  
641 Waterview - \$332,500

**ALBANY**  
718 Cornell - \$297,000  
519 Curtis St. - \$243,000  
855 Solano - \$278,000

**BERKELEY**  
2432 10th St. - \$112,000  
2109 8th St. - \$139,000  
98 Alamo - \$310,000  
732 Arlington - \$426,000  
1334 Blake St. - \$175,000  
1007 Channing - \$225,500  
2801 Claremont - \$550,000  
2601 College #108 - \$95,000  
2104 Derby St. - \$200,000  
1042 Oxford St. - \$394,000  
1357 Peralta - \$194,000  
655 San Luis - \$380,000  
661 San Luis - \$1,100,000  
773 Vincente - \$415,000

## EL CERRITO

7108 C St. - \$188,000  
11 San Carlos - \$183,000

## EL SOBRANTE

481 Pebble Dr. - \$145,000

## EMERYVILLE

2 Admiral Dr. B476 - \$92,000  
6363 Christie 3004 - \$326,000  
6363 Christie 726 - \$228,000

## KENSINGTON

207 Stanford - \$285,000

## OAKLAND

7506 Altura Pl. - \$313,500  
769 Alvarado Rd. - \$419,000  
3908 Archmont - \$171,000  
6370 Ascot Dr. - \$263,000  
1106 Ashmont - \$494,000  
2839 Atwell - \$146,500  
3850 Brighton - \$219,000  
6596 Chabot Rd. - \$365,000  
27 Clarewood - \$237,000  
5733 Colton - \$205,000  
5093 Congress - \$115,000  
538 Crestmont - \$273,500  
988 Franklin, 1507 - \$130,000  
988 Franklin, 709 - \$123,000  
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3834 Fruitvale - \$139,000  
3977 Greenwood - \$195,000  
4647 Harbord - \$316,000  
6224 Hillmont - \$165,000  
5575 Hilltop - \$850,000

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3537 Lakeshore - \$262,000  
5566 Lawton - \$430,000  
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4147 Maybelle - \$149,000  
2871 Morgan - \$215,000  
1310 Mountain - \$367,000  
1915 Oakview - \$373,500  
4645 Park - \$170,000  
5046 Pierpoint - \$289,500  
551 Prince St. - \$290,000  
5401 Princeton - \$135,000  
50 Ramona - \$215,000  
459 Rich St. - \$179,000  
825 Santa Ray - \$188,000  
6856 Simson St. - \$115,000  
492 Staten - \$170,000  
7875 Sterling - \$109,500  
3094 Suter St. - \$120,000  
4329 Townsend - \$260,000  
2173 Trafalgar - \$237,500  
1034 Trestle Glen - \$274,500  
808 Walavista - \$496,000  
1327 Wellington St. - \$250,000  
5025 W'dm'ster 202 - \$118,000  
70 Yosemite #304 - \$116,000

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132 Bonita - \$580,000  
33 Craig - \$795,000  
12 Pala - \$638,000

218 Park View - \$246,500  
154 Ricardo - \$470,000  
332 Sheridan - \$1,025,000  
206 Sunnyside - \$300,000  
58 Wildwood Gdns - \$850,000

## SAN LEANDRO

1222 136th - \$145,000  
1546 140th - \$153,000  
539 Begier - \$180,000  
1349 Burkhardt - \$155,000  
35 Cornwall - \$175,000  
1395 Daily Drive - \$265,500  
1345 Drake - \$155,000  
1382 Drake - \$140,000  
15204 Edgemoor - \$147,500  
14950 Lark St. - \$157,000  
1979 San Rafael - \$154,000  
14424 Wake - \$178,000  
393 Warren - \$150,000  
2561 W. 130th - \$202,000  
277 W. Broadmoor - \$134,000  
510 West Merle - \$193,500  
1842 Willow - \$163,000  
16754 Winding - \$161,500  
608 Woodland - \$145,000  
950 Woodland - \$155,000

## SAN LORENZO

16009 Nielson - \$176,000  
16111 P. Del Campo - \$151,000  
17251 Via Chiquita - \$156,500

## SALES STATS BY CITY

## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 11  
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$605,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$318,409

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$243,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$297,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$272,666

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 14  
LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$336,821

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$183,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$188,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$185,500

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$145,000

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$92,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$326,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$215,333

## KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1

LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000

OAKLAND  
TOTAL SALES: 49

LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$850,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$236,000

PIEDMONT  
TOTAL SALES: 9

LOWEST PRICE: \$246,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,025,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$650,000

SAN LEANDRO  
TOTAL SALES: 20

LOWEST PRICE: \$134,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$265,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$169,000

SAN LORENZO  
TOTAL SALES: 3

LOWEST PRICE: \$151,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$176,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$163,000

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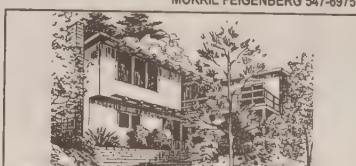
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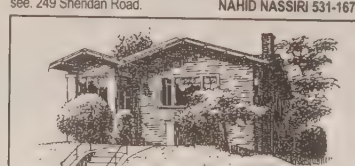
**GREAT LISTING IN PIEDMONT PINES** \$345,000  
4BR, 3BA entry-level ranch. Sunny skylight living room. Two-sided fireplace, remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors on main level, living room, rumpus room, many decks w/views, fenced courtyard, motivated seller. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



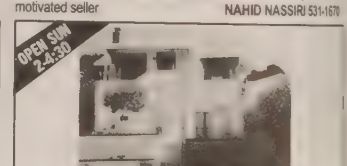
**METROPOLITAN HOME IN GLENVIEW** \$309,000  
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**NEW LISTING IN ROCKRIDGE** .....\$395,000  
1st time on market in many years. Lost of space, great condition + great indoor/outdoor rapport. 5BR, +1 1/2 +1/2 +1/4 BA, great studio/office. Open Sun 2-4:30. RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

**AFFORDABLE AND ELEGANT.** .....\$379,500  
Large Crocker highlands traditional at an affordable price. Immaculate two story 3BR, 2.5BA, hwd flrs, sunny thru-out. Walking distance to shops & restaurants. MARK ATTARHA 339-4000

**GREAT BUY! RELOCATED SELLERS!** .....\$363,500  
Crocker 3BR, 2.5BA sophisticated English in area of larger costly homes. Overlooks lovely garden. Eat-in kitchen. Home office/hobby rm. Updated master suite. JAN NEFF 339-8400

**EXCELLENT INVESTMENT - 6 UNITS** .....\$359,000  
Seller will consider all reasonable offers. All 2 bedrooms units, near Lake Merritt, low down, assume existing financing, good cash flow, well maintained. Call today. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

**A REFLECTION OF CARE AND PRIDE** .....\$319,000  
3BR, 3BA secluded in the hills of Montclair. Large eat-in kit. FDR w/dck. Completely refurbished lower level w/huge rumpus/BR/BA tons of storage/laundry. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**WALK TO PIEDMONT AVENUE SHOPS!!** .....\$299,000  
All the splendor of 1917 abounds in this brown shingle beauty. Duplex can be home plus income or large residence. Open Sun 2-4:30, 227 Ridgeway. ROSEMARY GREENE 635-9842

**REDUCED AGAIN!! 20K** .....\$285,000  
Best buy upper Oakmore, 3BR, 2BA, A-1 condition, beamed ceiling, enough rms for everyone. Remodeled kitchen leads to private patio, convenient location, open Sunday. MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

**LOTS OF HOUSE FOR THE \$!** .....\$279,000  
Walk to Montclair Village from this 4BR, 2BA traditional. Large lot with many garden areas. Family room down could be home office/au pair space. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**EXCEPTIONAL TRIPLEX NEAR LAKE MERRITT** .....\$277,000  
Walk to Lake Merritt, public transportation, good cash flow, freshly painted, newer roof, security door, 2 garage parking, common laundry, small yard, pride of ownership. Call today! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400X216

**MONET'S CANYON VU IN MONTCLAIR** .....\$275,000  
Great family home, location and value. 3BR, 2BA + rec room/office. Hwd flrs, superb floor plan. Total privacy. CARIN CAROE 339-8400

**MINI MANSION IN ADAMS POINT** .....\$268,500  
Large traditional 4BR, 1+BA, sun porch, rumpus room w/separate entrance, plenty of off street parking, walking to Lake, shopping & public transit. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400X216

**SECLUDED SPLENDOR** .....\$249,500  
Enter a different world through the door of this chalet. It offers 2 bedrooms, fireplace & a cheerful kitchen. Call Morrie to see this special property. MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**IMMACULATE CUSTOM HOME** .....\$239,950  
Open Saturday & Sunday, 1-4:30pm 3BR, 2BA with updated open kitchen, large family room overlooking beautiful gardens, fireplace, spa & gazebo, new lawns & sprinklers. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400X216

**CLEAN & CRISP, LARGE & UPDATED** .....\$239,500  
Gourmet kitchen, jacuzzi tub, master retreat, covered patio 3 bedrooms, over 2200 sq ft of easy care living on 200 foot deep lot. Open Sunday, 2-4:30, 380 Broad EARLE SHENK 287-9590

**GREAT CITY & BAY VIEWS, GREAT PRICE** .....\$230,000  
Where else can you find this great view for this price. 3BR, 1.5BA, deck off living room, eat-in kitchen, rumpus room. Don't miss this. Call today! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 339-8400

**PRICE REDUCTION** .....\$221,000  
Desirable 4-plex in Dimond. Live in one & rent the others. 2 bed, 1bath, 1BR, 1BA upper units, 2 communal units down. Seller leaving area. ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

**GLENVIEW CHARMER** .....\$219,500  
3BR, 2BA spectacular living room w/fireplace. Formal dining room, re-finished hardwood floors. Just painted inside and out. Ready for you to move in. KEN FERRELL 339-8400

**CHINA HILL - NEW LISTING** .....\$214,000  
Charming traditional 3BR, 2.5BA, freshly painted, move-in condition, sunny & spacious rms, near elegant homes, and neighbors, close to everything!! MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

**CLEAN AND FRESH** .....\$214,000  
Walk to Piedmont Ave or Rockridge shops. 3BR, 1+BA hardwood floors, built-ins. Open Sunday, but call now to see sooner. Won't last! TOM NEMETH 339-8400

**"YE OLDE" TUDOR MANOR HOME** .....\$199,000  
Offers endless possibilities for those desirable charm, dignity and character at an old fashion price. Loaded with extras from basement to attic. 4BR, 2BA. M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**LIVE-RENT, LIVE-LIVE, RENT-RENT** .....\$187,000  
2+2 bedroom, 1-bath homes on one lot. Currently rented under housing authority, thus not under Berkeley rent control. Great set up for extended families. NICK LAVROV 339-8400

**LIFESTYLES OF THE WISE & BUSY** .....\$185,000  
Is your life too full to maintain a home? Are you tired of no tax deductions? This spacious 2BR, 2BA Glenview condo is for you! Quiet, updated. Call! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**SUPER 4 PLEX** .....\$175,000  
24K gross plus an extra lot all for one low price!! large 1 bedroom units E-Z care. Money maker needs TLC. What a value!! HAL MARCUS 339-9281

**FANNIE MAE OWNED** .....\$145,000 - \$154,000  
Located in San Lorenzo, San Leandro & the Oakland Hills. Seller financing available, 3% down for owner occupant - 15% for investor. MICHAEL HARDING 287-9598

**CHARMER BEGINNER** .....\$149,500  
If you have been dreaming about a home of your own come see this well maintained home w/glowing hardwood flrs. 2BR, 2BA new landscaping too! MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**STYLE AND SUNLIGHT!** .....\$149,000  
Sophisticated and unit condo that has been exquisitely remodeled with granite countertop, maple cabinets, sub-zero refrigerator & much more! LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**WHAT A BUY!** .....\$149,000  
Cute starter home above High Street. 2 bedrooms, elevated dining updated kitchen and bath. Low down for first time buyers. MARIA SINCLAIR 287-9596

**PICTURE PERFECT HOME** .....\$147,500  
You'll adore this charming 2 bedroom home in Glenview with all the fanciful touches, gleaming hardwood floors, modern kitchen w/family room. Updated bath & more, a real beauty. ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

**ADORABLE AND AFFORDABLE** .....\$147,000  
This quaint English cottage oozes charm with its half-timber facade with steep roof line cozy living room, romantic dining room, in popular neighborhood. Open Sun 2-4:30, 3606 Glen Park. M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**HILLSIDE CHARMER** .....\$145,000  
Built-ins and window seats are featured in this quality - built home in Maxwell Park. Set in a special location in forest of trees w/lots of windows to enjoy. SHERDELLA SIMS 287-9586

**BUILT WITH PRIDE** .....\$139,000  
This 2 bedroom/1 bath traditional near Mills College radiates thoughtful quality. Special touches include built-ins, crown moldings, plus m/r for office, basement. SHERDELLA SIMS 287-9586

**JUST REDUCED** .....\$139,000  
Adorable cottage - new paint in & out. Newer roof & foundation. All appliances stay. What a deal for first time buyers. Open Sun 2-4:30, 2011 Damuth. CAROLYNN HARTLEY 272-8035

**TRADITIONAL MILLS BUNGALOW** .....\$129,000  
2BR, 1.5BA bungalow south of Mills College and above MacArthur Blvd. Hwd flrs, fireplace/partial basement with spare room detached garage and more. NICK LAVROV 339-8400

**TOWNHOUSE STYLE END UNIT** .....\$128,000  
On dead end street near water, golf courses, marina. 3BR, 2.5BA. Move-in condition. Hill and water view. All appliances stay. NICK LAVROV 339-8400

**CONDO AT PIEDMONT BORDER** .....\$119,000  
On a quiet Upper Glenview residential street, this 2BR, 1.5BA unit in a newly painted 4-plex has a fireplace, large closets & over 1000 sq feet. JIM SCHUBERT 339-8400

**WATCH YOUR MONEY GROW** .....\$99,000  
Great opportunity. Build several homes on this 1.1 acre land. Easy to build, private driveway. All for under 100K. SAM GHADERI 531-6712

**FOREVER VIEW OF CITY & BAY** .....\$94,500  
From this updated 2BR, 2BA condo with stone fireplace in living room. Best location in the building watch the sunset or swim in the pool. MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**SUPER BARGAIN!** .....\$85,000  
Well priced starter home on solid residential street. Split level 2BR, 1BA modern kitchen and bath. Motivated owners. MARIA SINCLAIR 287-9596

**FRUITVALE DISTRICT BARGAIN!** .....\$84,950  
Well-kept 2 bedroom with wood beam ceilings. Excellent 2-car garage, large plus room & laundry below. SEKI CHIKAMI 339-8400

**CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!** .....\$64,500  
Prime location above 580 near Piedmont line. 1 bedroom condo on top floor. Just painted. Wonderful building Full security. Must be sold! KEN FERRELL 339-8400



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Brothers, a nationally syndicated newspaper column and weekly show based in San Francisco, showed up as a site on Magellan's estate search because the program offers hints on home repair. Magellan claimed this site (<http://www.onthehouse.com>) was "a wealth of advice." When I went to the site, however, I found a Tip of the Week page but absolutely no tip. Nada. Just another pitch to their show.

Another reason to use a particular search engine is how easily you can make it work. You will have to learn each search engine's rules and how they react. That's because there are certain ways in which each reads things.

InfoSeek offers tips on how to use a search engine. For example, quotation marks around key words keeps the results together. Instead of "stupid" and "pet" and "tricks," which would result in a vast quantity of useless information, "stupid pet tricks" gets better results. Tell that to Letterman.

Placing a plus or minus sign in front of a phrase allows InfoSeek to discriminate whether or not to emphasize a word in the search depending on the sign.

They all search on key words and have different ways of searching," said Brad Jones, a technical support representative with

Netscape in Mountain View. "I like Yahoo! and Alta Vista, those are my favorites. Quick, easy, they don't give me a huge list of what I'm looking for and they're all recent. Often the others find links that are down."

Jones said the companies which created the search engines have computers that go out and look at every web page they can get their hands on.

"They save all the information on the site, what it's about, its address, and sort it. So when someone does a search for a specific key word or phrase, it searches that index for you and virtually creates a webpage on the fly."

Not all of them give tips on how to use them. Alta Vista offers Advanced Syntax—the words and, or, not, near—when you want to limit your search. Alta Vista is probably the biggest search engine out there and it's fast.

"It's the largest searching database, as far as I know," said Jones. Learning how to use the Web is a trick all of us are beginning to tackle. Search engines are valuable real estate site-seeking tools.

But just as your taste in clothes differs from your neighbor, so too will your choice of search tool.

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## Surprise! A surprise from the IRS

Number 168 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

What a nightmare. We can't close escrow.

All the papers were signed, our buyer's money was in the title company and within hours title would be theirs.

Suddenly, unexpectedly, the Internal Revenue Service brought everything to a full stop.

The seller, IRS claims, owes them money. But there isn't any money available. After all the seller's liabilities are paid off—back property taxes and his loan and quite a lot of money already slated to go to IRS—there is nothing left.

And what's really crazy is that there is less money as every day goes by. Because the seller's loan costs and taxes go on, there is even less available for IRS.

Our buyers want to close the sale; they held up their end of the deal. This delay, now in the second week, is causing them anxiety, disruption to their lives.

They had already given notice to their landlord that they would be moving, had hired movers, packed their things.

The title company talks to someone at IRS every day, often several times a day. Things seem to be moving forward toward a resolution, but

there isn't one yet. Various IRS people have gone over the file and come to the same conclusion. Nothing more can be squeezed from this rock.

If the seller owes them more money, it will have to come from somewhere else. It's particularly frustrating to be in this spot because we tried so hard to avoid it. We knew from the start that the seller has financial troubles.

He is behind in his loan payments, was close to foreclosure when he put the house up for sale. He had been remodeling the house but hadn't quite finished the work. The kitchen counters were never done; they are covered with plywood now and so is the kitchen floor.

The walls were painted but the bathtub left unplumbed. Light fixtures are missing and there is a hole in the roof where a vent was to go.

We knew all of this and so we alerted the title company: Find any and all liens against the seller. Let's be sure that there is enough money to close this sale.

The title company did their job. They searched the public records, gathered all the available information. Weeks ago, when there was still plenty of time, they sent a notice to the holder of the loan and they contacted IRS.

As the demands came in, the money that the seller would have to pay was added up. It turned out that more money was due on the loan than we thought, and we were short.

There were a few anxious days during which the seller assembled canceled checks to show a couple of payments that hadn't been credited.

Other adjustments were made and we got past this crisis. Or so we thought. Until IRS filed this additional lien, throwing a monkey wrench into the works.

Was there anything any of us might have done to avoid this situation? Could we have been more alert, smarter, more diligent? Unfortunately, no.

We don't know of a thing we might have done differently. Not that that helps our buyers. They've been very patient, very understanding, but their high spirits, their glee at moving into their own house has been rather dampened.

They'd like to recover. We'd like them to recover. Phone calls today with IRS seem to indicate that they are now speeding the release process along. Hopefully we'll get an "all clear" in the next five or six days.

We realize that we are fortunate that nothing like this has happened to us before. We certainly hope that it won't happen again. But it could.

There are things that surprise in real estate sales, things that cannot be controlled, that make agents and buyers and sellers want to tear their hair out. Usually the surprises can be fixed. But fixing always takes thought and time.

Often emotions run high. Because buyers and sellers are in the



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### The IRS filed an additional lien, throwing a monkey wrench into the works.

midst of change, feeling at bay, they may, when there is a problem, speak and act too hurriedly.

It is up to the agents to provide a voice of reason, to look at the overall picture and suggest thoughtful solutions. Or, having considered, to offer encouragement, good listening and patience while everyone waits.

Waiting is maddening, maddening for us all. We talk to our buyers every day. We want very much to make that one call to them: It's done. It's yours. Congratulations.

Anet Tarpoff and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

## MASON • McDUFFIE...Welcome Home

### OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

**TANTALIZING TUDOR** \$2,500,000  
Tantau designed 1930's home with grand architectural details. 5.5+BR, 5.5BA, 3-car garage.  
ROSE JELLISON 428-0900, 644-5401

**STATELY & PRIVATE TRADITIONAL** \$575,000  
4BR, 4.5BA, large LR, frml DR, 2 frpls, gourmet kitchen/family room, 2nd kitchen, extra room, sauna, hot tub. Beautiful gardens. New price. Excellent condition. Lease option. Open Sun. 2-4:30. ESTELLE KENT 273-9364

**NEW LISTING - 6 YEARS NEW!** \$525,000  
Spacious contemporary offers easy living, generous master suite, kitchen/family room combo, 3 other bedrooms, scenic vistas & expansion potential.  
CATHY MOULTON 428-0900

### OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

**SMALL CHURCH PLUS 2 UNITS** \$147,500  
North Oakland duplex. Two 2BR units with small church. Sec. 8. Good tenants, upside with new owner.  
TERENCE JUE 526-5143

**SPECIAL VICTORIA** \$129,900  
Let the in-law apartment help you make the payment on this large and charming 2+BR in North Oakland. Good yard and block. JULIANA 524-2526, 644-5221

**HOME + SEPARATE ART STUDIO** \$115,000  
This pristine & charming cottage with new kitchen & baths has a sunny separate art studio. Located in the Laurel. ADRIANNE 834-2010, 763-4060

**SPIFFY 2BR, 2BA** \$109,500  
Price slashed, walk to the lake and restaurants. Overlooks tree-lined street. Has formal dining room with a fireplace. GAYNELLE ESTLE 834-2010

**MAXWELL PARK CHARMER** \$105,000  
2BR, 1BA charming starter home. Don't pay rent - see this home. Large kitchen, living room with fireplace. Very cozy. FELICIA OWENS 339-9290, 658-7872

### BERKELEY / ALBANY

**TWO RENOVATED FLATS** \$299,000  
Berkeley walking neighborhood, two flats redone. 2BR, 2BA each. Deep yard. Parking. Beautiful property, good tenants. LIZ STEVENS 845-0200

**ELEGANT & SPACIOUS CONDO** \$209,000  
2BR, 2BA with 1-car parking and pool. Easy shopping and transportation area. Generous storage. Fabulous opportunity! JEAN AUKA 849-3711, 273-9311

**GREAT PRICE! MUST SEE!** \$199,500  
3BR, 2BA craftsman in move-in condition. Plus room for home office/study. Foundation/seismic done. Hardwood floors. Fireplace and dining room, new roof. A real charmer. M. FEINER 524-2526, 525-6261

**COME SEE - MOVE IN!** \$169,000  
Great Elmwood condo - 2 levels, 2BR, 1.5BA, 1000+ sq ft. Updated kitchen/baths. Kitchen opens to deck. Large LR with beamed ceiling, wood stove. New linoleum, carpet, paint. Sunny! CAROL GIPSON 849-3711, 273-9025

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY!** \$139,000  
Larger & cheaper than a condo! Charming 3BR, 2BA craftsman with original details. Hardwood floors, garage. FRANCINE DIPALMA 849-3711, 273-9319

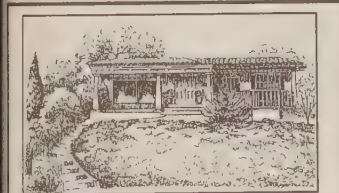
**CENTERED AMONG NORTHSIDE'S...** \$126,000  
favorite shops, restaurants, parks and services, this charming condo is one of a 1920's fourplex. Upstairs and south facing, it is sunny and bright all year.  
CHRIS NEDDERSEN 526-5143

### WEST COUNTY

**ELEGANT AND SPACIOUS** \$399,900  
Price reduced on this 3+BR home in Mira Vista district. Formal living room and dining room, library and hardwood floors, bay and bridge views, over 3,000 sq ft, private back deck and yard. 527-9800

**GREAT EL CERRITO VALUE!** \$219,000  
One level living, 3BR plus large office/study/4th BR? 2BA, quiet hills cul-de-sac setting. Hdwd flrs, 2-car gar. Wonderful level yard and deck. PHILIPPA 526-5143

**A CHARMING EL CERRITO HOME** \$175,000  
Charming and spacious 2BR, 1BA + bonus. Sunny living room with fireplace. Hdwd floors and large kitchen. 2-year-old roof. Big lot with deck. Motivated seller. ANNA LEI 273-9127



**UNIQUE MEDITERRANEAN** \$450,000  
This unique Mediterranean on top of a level knoll features 3BR and has breathtaking views!  
JAMES GARCIA 869-4211

**BE HOME FOR THANKSGIVING!** \$309,000  
Transferred seller, vacant home only 6 years old needs new owner! Includes all appliances. Distress sale - be creative! Open Sunday, Oct. 27, 2-4:30.  
MARLENE DANIELS 428-0900

**MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY** \$248,000  
Fantastic value! 3BR plus family room or home office, 2-car garage, level out to patio. MARY HANNA 428-0900

**VIEW TO BAY & BEYOND** \$225,000  
You'll be taken in by the view from living room or deck. Spacious 2BR, 1BA in Redwood Heights on large terraced lot. Hardwood floors. JOHN BELL 834-2010

**BEST STARTER HOME!** \$215,000  
Charming 2BR on large level lot in Redwood Heights. Quiet location yet close to everything! Walk to park. Open Sunday, Oct. 27, 1-4. 3280 Jordan Rd.  
DAN WEIL 254-0440

**LAUREL DISTRICT** \$189,500  
Lovely property in mint condition. Remodeled kitchen/bath. Exquisite floors. formal dining room, 2-car garage. Bay view. JIM HEDGES 848-6222, 287-9001

**CAUTION - WET PAINT** \$176,000  
New paint, inside & out. Cozy 2BR near Mormon temple has fireplace, formal dining room, hdwd floors, new 100 amp service. Ready! JOHN BELL 834-2010

**REMODELED VIEW HOME** \$169,000  
All new appliances, great views, minutes to Knowland Zoo. New paint in/out, gourmet kitchen. Good quiet area. Home warranty. FELICIA OWENS 658-7872

**GLENVIEW BEST BUY!** \$159,000  
1920's charm, sunny, eat-in kitchen, well-separated BR's, laundry room, level, enclosed yard w/ fruit trees, great neighbors & location! NANCY LEHRKIND 428-0900

**ROCKRIDGE CONDO** \$156,000  
Spacious 2-story with parking for 2 cars, security gate, private patio, ample storage. Near BART & Market Hall. 485-0211, 658-3711

**BEST BUY - GLENVIEW** \$149,000  
Condo alternative - charming 2BR home on quiet cul-de-sac. Private yard, large kitchen, pantry, fireplace and more. CATHY 428-0900, 644-5480

## PACIFIC UNION RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

### HOMES OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

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| 171 ALPINE TERRACE, CLAREMONT PINES - 4BD/4+BA...\$1,000,000<br>Superbly crafted new classic Medit w/spectacular views. Dee Knowland   | 4106 39TH AVE., REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/2BA...\$239,500<br>Contemporary with citybay views, park-like back yard. Vicki Woodhead         |
| 17044 BROADWAY TERRACE, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/4+BA...\$945,000<br>Just listed! Quality new const. on 1/3 acre lot, SF views. Vicki Woodhead | 4069 HUNTINGTON, UPPER LAUREL - 3BD/2BA...\$239,500<br>Private & sunny trad., large deck w/bay view, great yard. Vicki Woodhead       |
| 11 SELBORNE DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 4BD/3+BA...\$729,000<br>Great floor plan, redone kit, rumpus, level yard. Helen Danhaki 547-5750         | 49 IRONWOOD, OAKLAND HILLS - 3BD/2+BA...\$207,000<br>Just listed! Spacious townhome, bay view, level back yard. Robyn Mohr            |
| 159 ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/3BA...\$425,000<br>Renovated interior, family rm, formal DR, beautiful setting. Sally Morrison     | 4149 HOWE STREET, PIEDMONT AVE - 2BD/1BA...\$199,500<br>Brown shingle, many upgrades, updated kitchen, plus rm, frpl. Rich Gould      |
| 1635 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA...\$419,000<br>Spacious, dramatic design, level-in, tree views, family room. Kirk Phillips  | 3849 BUELL STREET, OAKLAND - 2BD/1BA...\$165,000<br>Just listed! Bright & sunny, new paint, hwdw flrs, big yard. Tom Anthony          |
| 211 DUNCAN WAY, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3BA...\$369,000<br>1/4 + acre level lot in private creekside setting, large rooms. Dick Cohen         | 3011 DOHR STREET, BERKELEY - 2BD/1BA...\$161,000<br>Reduced home, upgrades, formal DR, move-in condition. Rich Gould                  |
| 1305 HENRY STREET, BERKELEY...\$345,000 to \$425,000<br>3 new townhomes, 2 & 3 bdr, finest quality, yards/decks. Joanna Gould          | 4515 ELINORA AVE., REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1BA...\$149,000<br>Adorable cottage on large lot, frpl, hardwood flrs, garage. Wendy Gardner |
| 1071 BROOKWOOD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3+BD/1BA...\$299,000<br>Updated and charming! Formal DR, secluded back yard. Sandi Klemmer         | 2903 CARMEL ST., LINCOLN HEIGHTS - 2BD/1+BA...\$142,500<br>Best value! 1300 sq. ft. townhome, sep entry, in-unit laundry. Nancy Chew  |
| 6140 VALLEY VIEW, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1BA + AU PAIR...\$275,000<br>Private setting, walls of glass, private decks, hwdw flrs. Kathy Flynn  |   |

### BY APPOINTMENT

#### PIEDMONT

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| EXCEPTIONAL PIEDMONT PROPERTY...\$2,250,000<br>Magnificent home on 1/2 acre, 7+BD/5+BA, rich architectural detail, designer kitchen/family room, library, pool. Georgia Cornell      | ONE LEVEL LIVING - PIEDMONT...\$624,500<br>Superb workmanship, quality & charm throughout. Easy access to central patio area. 3BD/2+BA, cook's kitchen. Sally Morrison        |
| GRACIOUS TRADITIONAL - PIEDMONT...\$1,850,000<br>Architect designed with French touches. Perfect for entertaining with its lovely private gardens and pool. 6BD/4+BA. Sally Morrison | PRIVATE SETTING - PIEDMONT...\$525,000<br>Tasteful 3BD/2+BA all level home. Spacious rooms, farm room opens to kit, large master suite w/dressing rm. Martha Holstlaw         |
| ELEGANT & SOPHISTICATED - PIEDMONT...\$1,169,000<br>Spectacular unobstructed panoramic view of cities & bay. 3BD/3BA, extensively remodeled with all new systems. Dee Dee Bonham     | CENTRALLY LOCATED - PIEDMONT...\$485,000<br>This 3BD/2BA traditional has a nicely flowing floor plan, French doors to deck, SF view, family rm, garden, pool. Martha Holstlaw |
| ENGLISH TUDOR - PIEDMONT...\$849,000<br>Superb quality of design, craftsmanship and charm. 3BD/2+BA, den, study, family room adjoins spacious deck. Sally Morrison                   | VICTORIAN FIXER - PIEDMONT...\$299,000<br>Turn of the century 4BD/2BA home with high ceilings, hardwood floors, enclosed porch, level yard, garage. Lee Jacobson              |
| BREATHTAKING BAY VIEWS - PIEDMONT...\$649,000<br>This privately situated home has one of the most spectacular views in the Bay Area. 4BD/3BA, move-in cond. Martha Holstlaw          | CHARMING SETTING - PIEDMONT...\$259,000<br>Reduced! Adorable 2BD/1BA home with beautiful public rooms. Privacy & seclusion, deck and sunny garden. Debi Fitzgerald            |

#### OAKLAND / BERKELEY

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| SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN...\$574,900<br>Updated with artistic flair. 4BD/3BA, chef's kitchen, high ceilings, patios, garden, view, faux touches. Joanna Gould                        | CHINA HILL CHARMER...\$312,000<br>4BD/3+BA, remodeled eat-in kit, bonus room & bath with separate entry, excellent floor plan, stunning gardens. Donna DeBardi                |
| EXQUISITE CONTEMPORARY...\$549,000<br>Private garden setting w/bay views. Dramatic entry, 4BD/3+BA, formal DR, gorgeous kit/family rm, many extras. Wendy Gardner                 | DRAMATIC OAKMORE CONTEMPORARY...\$298,000<br>Quiet cul-de-sac location. Sun-filled rooms with south bay views. 2BD/2BA, master suite, farm rm, fireplace, deck. Wendy Gardner |
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## Lights...

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shelf items.

Milano restaurant, where Van der Meer finally discovered the lighting solution for her home, is a prime example of the rich restaurant interiors that evolved during the past decade. The Northern Italian restaurant offers a rustic Mediterranean ambiance, with eye-catching features including vaulted ceilings and granite bar counters.

"When we were choosing the lighting for our Oakland site, we wanted fixtures that enhanced the atmosphere we were trying to achieve," explained Mark Milano, one of four family members who operate Milano restaurants in Tiburon, Emeryville and Walnut Creek, as well as Oakland.

"Our relationship with Pam Morris and Exciting Lighting goes back more than 14 years, to our first restaurant in Tiburon. So we already knew that her custom work would be well suited to our latest venture."

For the Grand Avenue restaurant, Morris designed and produced pendants for the ceiling and sconces for the walls. The results were striking and reflected the personality of the restaurant down to the tiniest details.

According to Milano, the family wanted each of its restaurants to offer a distinct look and ambiance. "Pam helped us achieve that goal,"

Milano said. "The pendants Pam made to hang from the vaulted ceiling are one-of-a-kind. They're beautiful in and of themselves, and at the same time, they enhance the beauty of the vault."

Morris refers to the pendant style at Milano restaurant as "The Handkerchief," because the pendant's kiln-slumped glass drapes in a form reminiscent of a handkerchief or falling leaf. "The Handkerchief is a blend of distinct personality and unexpected versatility," according to Morris. "Its warm, silky appearance complements most design themes. The pendant is lit by three 60-watt incandescent bulbs, and when they're dimmed, it creates the warmth of a harvest moon."

This warm, comforting mood is reinforced by the hand-painted wall sconces, which are sandblasted to diffuse their light. While the fixtures at Milano were created primarily to enhance the rustic atmosphere of the restaurant, the lighting designer often adds a playful touch to her work, as well. The "corkscrews" that caught Linda Van der Meer's eye represent pasta, Morris later explained.

Not far from Milano, on Piedmont Avenue in a renovated Julia Morgan building, Morris had another opportunity to create pieces that contribute to an Old World ambiance. In Ultra Lucca, an upscale delicatessen featuring Italian specialty foods, Morris hung six pendant fixtures. As at the restaurant, the fixtures enhance the

building's Mediterranean atmosphere, with details including a grape motif pounded into the ceiling plate, verdigris supports, and the classic shape of the hand-painted bowls. The alabaster center of Italy

According to Paul Ferrari, owner of Ultra Lucca, one reason Morris is so successful at achieving the effects her clients desire is that she's a great listener. "I have always been fascinated with the work in a town called Volterra, which is in Tuscany, Italy," said Ferrari. "Volterra is the alabaster center of the country. I was seeking fixtures that replicated the look of Volterra's alabaster, and I described that look to Pam."

"She interpreted my vision precisely," Ferrari continued. "Many visitors to the store want a similar pendant for their dining rooms and think the pieces actually came from Italy. We love to tell them, 'Well, Pam is right in our own back yard.'"

"Clients don't come to me simply for light fixtures," agreed Morris. "They come to me with a dream. I interpret those dreams into tangible forms." "Pam's work isn't fashionable; it has style. Fashion comes and goes, but style endures."

Paul Ferrari, owner, Ultra Lucca  
Ultra Lucca has been operating for 50 years, and Ferrari expects his store will still be in business 50 years in the future. "We wanted interiors that are comfortable and that will look good for decades to come," noted Ferrari. "Pam's work isn't fashionable; it has style. Fashion comes and goes, but style en-

dures. Our cases may change, but products may change. The pendants will still be around as sculpture for the home."

Back at Linda Van der Meer's home, it's clear that the adjustments to the dining table are over her dining table are on "The Handkerchief." Van der Meer's example, knobs rather than screws to accommodate hanging fixture - results in a clearly designed to accommodate der Meer's dining room. A piece, called "The Wave" of its rippled effect, hangs the entry way.

"Pam's background is in lighting 'lit sculpture,' so her work really made a lot of sense for home," Van der Meer noted. "A couple of young dogs, well, I spend a lot of money on them, and I don't buy a lot of things because I like to display pieces. I wanted something for my home that made me say, 'Look at that! Isn't that cool?' I had to be something I could get from the ceiling or the walls, and dogs couldn't damage it. My way has a very high ceiling, and just crying out for 'The Wave'."

When I saw it said, "This is the piece I've been looking for."

Melissa Kelley is a writer, marketing consultant affiliated with the Montague Community Group of Berkeley.



Linda Van der Meer found the warm, silky appearance of "The Handkerchief," a custom-made pendant from Exciting Lighting, perfectly suited to her new home.

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## Events

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Catherine Teegarten of RAF Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 24 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Owner occupants can buy properties for no money down. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Realtors, investors, contractors and nonprofits are all welcome to attend.

This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarten at 528-0767, ext. 17 for information and reservations.

Lovers of rare roses are invited to Linda Witt's **Late Roses of Summer**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat and Sun., Oct. 26 and 27 at 3221 Robinson Drive (off Joaquin Mill Drive above Hwy. 13). Enjoy the many varieties of old roses including hybrid perpetuals, bourbons and Damasks. Bring your own roses and questions to this garden sale. Call 530-2267 for more information.

Orchard of Lafayette continues its **1996 Harvest Festival** every weekend through Halloween. On the agenda for Sat., Oct. 26: Fall Projects for Kids, Put on a Happy Halloween Face, and Kid's Coloring Contest Winners. Scheduled for Sun. Oct. 27: The Fragrant Garden, Got Gardening Questions? Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin and Dueling Banjos. Orchard of Lafayette is located at 4010 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. Call 284-

4474 for more information.

The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to plan your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., Oct. 26 BEC presents three workshops: Ecotecture: Ecologically-Based Design, Plumbing: Hands On, and Cabinet and Counter Installation. On tap for Sun., Oct. 27 is **Landscape Watering and Design**. Scheduled for Tues. evening, Oct. 29 is **Buying Land**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Realtor Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and mortgage broker Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present **Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying Your Own Home**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat. Oct. 26 at 1225 Solano Ave., Albany. Learn how to set priorities; team with professionals for an overview

of the buying process including straight talk about loan choices and strategies for minimizing closing costs. Call 718-2134 to make reservations.

Truitt and White Lumber Co. presents **Everything You Need to Know to Specify and Install Baldwin Locks** with installation experts Ken Lusby and Sam Austin, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sat., Oct. 26. Reservations are required. Call 649-2674

Join Stained Glass Garden, 1800 Fourth Street in Berkeley for an **Introduction to Stained Glass** class, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays from October 26 through Nov. 23. Call 841-2200 for reservations.

The American Construction Inspector's Association announces its annual meeting Oct. 25 and Oct. 26, at the Marriott Hotel at the Berkeley Marina (Hwy 80 at the University Ave. exit). Symposia include Building Fire and Life Safety, Roads and Bridges. Call Don Rogers at 339-6130 for more information.

Author and architectural historian Mark Wilson will lead a walking tour of **Claremont Park** 1:30 p.m., Sun., October 27. Stroll the elegant streets of this Berkeley historic neighborhood. See elegant homes designed by Ernest Coxhead, John Hudson Thomas, Bernard Maybeck and Julia Morgan. Meet at the corner of Claremont Ave. and The Uplands. There is a \$10 fee. Call 273 9383 for more information.

The Berkeley Association of Realtors and Northwestern Title present author and architectural historian Mark Wilson's **"Selling a Piece of History"**, Tues., Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Berkeley Association of Realtors, 1533 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way in Berkeley. Learn to recognize major styles of historical architecture and sources available to research a property. Open to all. Call Laura Thalken at 528 1575 to sign up for the workshop.

The Berkeley Association of Re-

altors (B.A.R.) invites you to its 3rd Annual **Give For Treat Night**, 4 to 7 p.m., Wed, Oct 30 at the B.A.R.'s office, 1533 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Berkeley. Admission is a bag of usable clothing, a bag of packaged food or a financial donation. The Give for Treat Night will benefit B.A.R.'s Homeless Fund.

The Oakland Tours Program presents a free walking guided tour of **Jack London Waterfront**, 10 a.m., Wed, Oct 30. Images of Jack London will surround you as you tour the Port of Oakland. Visit the Jack London Museum, amble through a turn-of-the-century wholesale produce district (still in operation) and see Franklin Roosevelt's restored yacht, the Potomac. Meet in front of the Overland Bar and Grill at the foot of Broadway. Call 238- 3234 for more information about this tour or about any of the city of Oakland's seven free walking tours.

The East Bay Chapter of the **American Construction Inspector's Association** announces its chapter meeting 6 p.m. Nov. 12, at Cesare's, 2829 Mountain Blvd. (Hwy 13 at Lincoln Ave.) Jim Raes of Simpson Strong Tie will speak in Simpson's product line of wood connectors and their proper specification. **See EVENTS on page 26**

## Cabinet, counter installation plumbing, ecotecture at BEC

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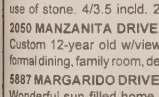
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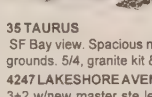
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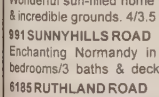
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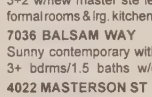
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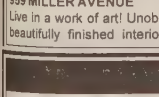
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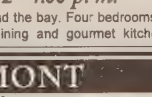
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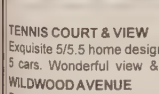
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Live in a work of art! Unobstructed views of San Francisco and the bay. Four bedrooms and three and one-half baths with beautifully finished interiors. Sunken living room, formal dining and gourmet kitchen/family room. KAREN STARR



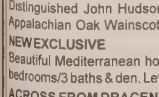
**35 TAURUS**  
\$479,000  
SF Bay view. Spacious new construction w/fully landscaped grounds. 5/4, granite kit & au pair w/sep. entrance. ED KUO



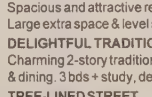
**4247 LAKESHORE AVENUE**  
\$319,000  
3+2 w/new master ste leading to deck & hot tub. Beautiful formal rooms & lrg. kitchen w/breakfast room. LINDA MCCLAIN



**7036 BALSAM WAY**  
\$269,000  
Sunny contemporary with vaulted ceilings & canyon views. 3+ bdrms/1.5 baths w/detached office. JOHN KARNAY



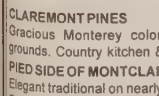
**4022 MASTERSON ST**  
NEW EXCLUSIVE \$129,000  
Simply adorable 2/1! New paint inside/out & new carpet. Move in, or buy to invest. Close to shops & trans. K. COOPER



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SF Bay view. Spacious new construction w/fully landscaped grounds. 5/4, granite kit & au pair w/sep. entrance. ED KUO

## OAKLAND

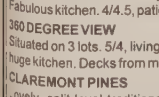
By Appointment



**CLAREMONT PINES**  
\$869,000  
Gracious Monterey colonial w/wonderfully landscaped grounds. Country kitchen & office/au pair. SANDRA VOGL



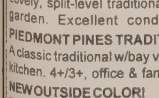
**PIED MOUNT OF MONTCLAIR**  
\$785,000  
Elegant traditional on nearly 1/2 acre. Completely renovated. Fabulous kitchen. 4/4.5, patio & garden. ANGELA WEI GRUBB



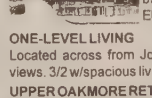
**380 DEGREE VIEW**  
\$749,000  
Sited on 3 lots. 5/4, living room, dining room, family room & huge kitchen. Decks from most rooms. ANGELA WEI GRUBB



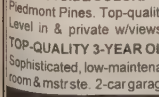
**CLAREMONT PINES**  
\$679,000  
Lovely, split-level traditional, level in and out. 4+/3, patio & garden. Excellent condition. ELIZABETH DICKSON



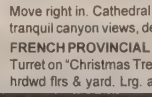
**PIEDMONT PINES TRADITIONAL**  
\$499,000  
A classic traditional w/bay views & a lovely garden. Gorgeous kitchen. 4+/3+, office & family room. SHEILA GALLAGHER



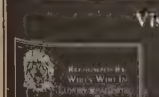
**NEW OUTSIDE COLOR!**  
\$409,000  
Piedmont Pines. Top-quality remodeled 3/2.5 w/fabulous kit. Level in & private w/views & decks. JUDY RANKANKAN



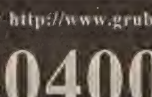
**TOP-QUALITY 3-YEAR OLD**  
NEW EXCLUSIVE \$399,000  
Sophisticated, low-maintenance Montclair home. 3+/2+, family room & mstr ste. 2-car garage & decks. SHEILA GALLAGHER



**MONTCLAIR RETREAT**  
NEW EXCLUSIVE \$369,000  
Flexible floor plan - good for sharing-12 year-old architect designed. 3+/2+ & separate 1 bdrm apt. DEBRA DRYDEN



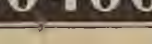
**CROCKER HIGHLANDS**  
NEW PRICE! \$304,500  
Located on a wonderful tree-lined street. Spacious formal living/dining. 3 bedrooms & lrg. sep. studio. D. GRUBB JR.



**ROCKRIDGE**  
NEW EXCLUSIVE \$299,000  
A very unique home, built as an artist retreat. Outstanding architectural detail. Two bedrooms and two and one-half baths. Walk to College Avenue. ELIZABETH DICKSON



**ONE-LEVEL LIVING**  
NEW EXCLUSIVE \$299,000  
Located across from Joaquin Miller Park w/panoramic bay views. 3/2 w/spacious living & dining rooms. SUSANNE PAUL



**UPPER OAKMORE RETREAT**  
NEW EXCLUSIVE \$279,000  
Move right in. Cathedral ceiling in living room, cozy fireplace, tranquil canyon views, decks & patio. 3/2.5. ANIAN TUNNEY



**FRENCH PROVINCIAL**  
NEW EXCLUSIVE \$177,000  
Turret on "Christmas Tree Lane." Formal dining, breakfast rm, hrdwd flrs & yard. Lrg. attic w/expansion potential. H. BUTY

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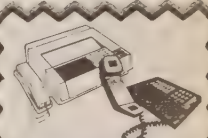
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**NORTH BERKELEY**  
3-bridge view, neighborhood values up to \$750,000. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, deck, completely redone, new foundation. \$399,000

**ALBANY**  
Delightful bungalow. 2 bedrooms, lovely yard, garage, great location. \$199,000

**BERKELEY**  
Sunny Westbrae 3 bedroom. Like new, large lot, walk to Brothers Bagels. \$209,000

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## BERKELEY

**2727 CLAREMONT BLVD.** Open Sunday 2-4.  
Gorgeous & elegant Ratcliff home near park. 3+BR, 2+++BA, kit/fam rm. Faye Keogh ext. 126.....\$825,000

**LIKE NEW REMODEL** 4BR office, family room, 3 full baths, gourmet kitchen. Bebe McRae ext. 145.....\$780,000

**GRAND NORTH BERKELEY HOME** on large lot with Bay views! 5BR/5BA, plus family room! Level entry, 3 garages! Very private. Bebe McRae ext. 145.....\$775,000

**A CLAREMONT PROPERTY.** Secluded in the Palms: elegant panelling, spacious kit, dining terrace, views, vistas & an in-law. Paul Templeton ext. 131.....\$625,000

**677 SANTA BARBARA ROAD.** Open Sunday 2-4:30. 4+BR, 3BA in best location. SF & GG views. Gourmet kitchen to deck & private level yard. Extra large lot. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124.....\$625,000

**TIMELESS ELEGANCE.** An English exterior distinguished by matching gables & extraordinary multi-paned windows; main rooms reflecting the craftsman influence; A private, sunny garden; The street graced with beautiful trees; All of these within Berkeley's Claremont Ct. 3BR, 2 studies. Jack McPhail ext. 135.....\$539,000

**NEW CLAREMONT HILLS CRAFTSMAN.** Fine design, subtle details, awesome City, Bay & Canyon views. 4+BR, 2.5BA. Gini Erck ext. 133.....\$530,000

**BEST VALUE IN CLAREMONT COURT! REDUCED!** J.H. Thomas. Redwood detailing in LR & DR. 4+BR, 2 full BA, 2 half baths, family room, study, attic! Landscaped garden, hot tub. Close to shops, tennis, U.C. & Claremont Spa. Susie Schevill ext. 144.....\$489,990

**1153 KEELER AVENUE.** Open Sunday 2-4:30. Glorious views - private setting. 4+BR, 2.5BA contemp. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124.....\$449,000

**2805 FULTON ST.** PRICE REDUCED! Traditional 4BR, 2BA on a quiet street in move-in condition. Plus sunny studio cottage. Marlene Leverette ext. 121.....\$259,500

**1526 MIK JR. WAY.** What a deal! 2/1 Craftsman near Gourmet Ghetto. Nancy Noman ext. 124.....\$199,000

**EXCEPTIONAL HOME.** 3BR/2BA, good floor plan, spaces, yard. Anne Van Dyke ext. 142.....\$195,000

**1539 DWIGHT @ Spaulding.** EZ walk to BART, big 2BR. Leslie Easterday ext. 134.....\$169,000

**2725 PRINCE #10** Darling Elmwood condo. Leslie Easterday ext. 134.....\$134,000

## OAKLAND

**UPPER MONTCLAIR.** Bright & beautiful contempl! Great condition! Vaulted ceilings, spacious open living! 3BR, 2.5BA, kitchen/family room, 2-car garage, private entry garden, view! Bebe McRae ext. 145.....\$399,000

**5900 WOOD DRIVE.** Open Sunday 2-4. NEW LIST! Unique property needs TLC, Big lot, 4BR, 3BA + potential. Faye Keogh ext. 126.....\$375,000

**5681 OAK GROVE AVENUE.** 4BR, 2.5BA Rockridge Craftsman. MBS, lots of wood, & only one block to BART. Jan Fougner ext. 138.....\$369,000

**1447 E. 38TH STREET.** 2+BR, 1BA Glenview bungalow. Jan Fougner ext. 138.....\$189,000

**610 JEAN STREET.** Open Sunday 2-4:30. New Listing! Sophisticated new condominiums near Rose Garden. 2/2, hwdw floors, fireplace, balconies & lovely vistas. Ron Egberman ext. 127.....\$185,000-\$210,000

**400 WAYNE AVENUE.** Open Sunday 2-4:30. New Listing! Handsome new condos with gorgeous views of Lake Merritt. 2BR, 2BA, balconies, all appliances. Ron Egberman ext. 127.....\$155,000 to \$175,000

**MAXWELL PARK HOME** needs work, but worth it. 3BR, 2BA. Probate. Faye Keogh ext. 126.....\$148,000

**LOFT LIVING** in residential neighborhood. New Price! Leslie Easterday ext. 134.....\$139,500

## PIEDMONT

**110 ST. JAMES DRIVE.** Open Sunday 2-4:30. Elegant open plan, exquisite detailing, extraordinary garden. 4+BR, 3BA. Gini Erck ext. 133.....\$895,000

**BEST VALUE IN PIEDMONT!** 3+BR, 3BA, 3,100 sq. ft.! Large spacious rooms, good separation of spaces. Mary Montali 848-3097.....\$365,000

## EL CERRITO

**PRISTINE STARTER HOME.** REDUCED! Priced to sell! Move-in condition! Susie Schevill ext. 144.....\$187,500

## KENSINGTON

**41 LAM COURT.** Open Sunday 2-4:30. NEW LISTING! Serene & private, custom built around private courtyard 4BR, 2.5BA, family room, den/home office, 3-car garage. Ron Egberman ext. 127.....\$425,000

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The 150,000-square-foot Pyramid Brewery is but one of several projects that set Kava Massih and Jerry Mastora apart.

## Architects on cutting edge

By Carolyn Jones

A brewery, senior housing, an organic produce restaurant and a downtown plaza are among the first projects of Kava Massih Architects, a new East Bay architectural firm.

Award-winning architects Kava Massih and Jerry Mastora launched the firm this spring after breaking away from The Ratcliff Architects in Emeryville, where they both worked for about eight years.

"We both felt there was a lack of firms that offered good design as well as a high level of service," said Massih. "We're doing well because we're doing both. That sets us apart."

The firm has landed about 20 projects so far, including the 150,000-square-foot Pyramid Brewery, a renovation for Kona Kai Farms, housing developments for low-income seniors, a custom house in Danville, a housing feasibility study for the Alameda Naval Air Station reuse plan, a downtown plaza in San Leandro and ongoing work for Summit Medical Center in Oakland.

Several of their projects lie in the heart of Gilman Street's revitalization zone west of San Pablo Avenue.

"Gilman Street used to be just a connection for people who lived in the hills to get to the freeway," said

Mastora. "That's not true any more. The area is really changing."

The Gilman area is an example of Mastora's and Massih's ideal development: a wide variety of designs and businesses that spring from community demand rather than a master development plan.

"Gilman Street is a testimony to how Berkeley's slow development has paid off," said Massih. "If the city had allowed things to happen quickly, there would be a lot more mistakes and it would end up looking more homogenous. When you make changes in small increments, you leave a lot of room for variety." Massih's and Mastora's designs emphasize variety, as well. The firm

does not have a trademark style or signature, but instead focuses on the individual needs of clients and the community.

While designing the parking structure for Children's Hospital in Oakland, for example, the pair met with neighborhood groups and hospital staff to create a plan that worked for everyone, but still be distinctive.

Each side of the four-story parking structure "responds to the setting it faces," Massih said. The side facing a row of bungalow homes is filled with details, while the side near the elevated BART tracks has a more streamlined appearance.

"You don't even draw without talking to people in the community," said Massih. "The days are gone when you could just plow a building down and move on. Now you meet with everyone and listen to everyone."

Their attention to detail has paid off. While working at Ratcliff, Massih won an award from the East Bay chapter of the American Institute of Architects for his design of the new Emeryville Post Office.

Good design does not have to be expensive or time-consuming, they said. In fact, the pair believes that creativity and resourcefulness should make buildings more accessible and less costly to construct.

Kava Massih Architects has nine full-time and two part-time staff members, so far. Mastora and Massih plan to keep the firm small, but hope to keep a wide range of projects for the future.

"We want to keep it open and diverse," said Mastora. "It's better to have a broad practice than becoming specialists in one type of project. It keeps things interesting."

## Computerized lending

Streamlined lending is taking over the mortgage industry as increased competition forces lenders to become more efficient loan processors. By increasing efficiency, lenders are able to pass some of their cost savings on to consumers in the form of lower interest rates, or lower processing costs.

Computerized loan origination is becoming commonplace. Here's how it works: A loan agent, or mortgage broker, inputs a prospective borrower's loan application on to a computer. The borrower's data is then electronically transmitted to a loan processing center. In some cases, the lenders use artificial intelligence software programs to electronically underwrite loans.

Streamlined origination and underwriting systems enable lenders to provide borrowers with credit approval in minutes. Full loan approval, including the property appraisal can occur within a couple of days. Some lenders even accept loan applications directly from borrowers via the Internet. This eliminates the need for an Internet diary loan agent or mortgage broker.

One element of streamlined underwriting, which enables lenders to objectively evaluate risk and make informed loan approval decisions quickly, is credit scoring. Credit scoring has been used for years for speedy car loan and credit card approval.

A credit score is derived from a predictive model which analyzes a number of variables from a consumer's credit files to determine the likelihood that the applicant will repay the loan on time. The scoring

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## Several companies now provide lenders with computerized credit scoring models.

system is developed from a statistical analysis of variables which historically have been reliable in predicting satisfactory loan repayment.

Some factors that are commonly used in credit scoring are: Delinquency and severity of delinquency; debt (the number of balances reported by creditors, and the balances); credit history; and type of credit in use (including mortgage loans, and credit card types).

Several companies provide credit scoring models that are used in the lending industry. One of the most widely used was developed by Fair, Isaac company. The Fair

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# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

### OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

132 BEECHWOOD, Claremont Pines 4bd/4ba, best neighborhood! \$1,159,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5426

171 ALPINE TER, Upr Rockridge 4/4+, new classic Med, views! \$1,000,000  
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

17044 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 4+bd/4+ba, just listed! SF view \$945,000  
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

5940 MARGARIDO DR, Upr Rockridge 4 1/2 new Med, patio, yd \$695,000  
Coldwell Banker, Jim Duffy 339-1174

5900 ACACIA AVE, Claremont Pines, a rare find! 5bd/3 1/2ba, views \$689,000  
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

5711 COUNTRY CLUB, Upr Rockridge 4bd/3ba, fab views, location \$675,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 644-5488

6069 GLENARMS DR, Montclair 4/3, 2 mstr suites, FDR, library \$669,000  
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400

217 SCENIC, Stunning views, Spanish Med, 5bd/4ba, FDR, yard \$649,000  
Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Milenbach 339-1174

2050 MANZANITA DR, Custom 12 yr old 4/3, vw of bay & Mt Diablo \$639,000  
The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400

145 AGNES, Upr Rockridge newly built 5/4, home office, aupair \$625,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978

6522 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines 3bd/2 1/2ba, classy Spanish, pvt \$625,000  
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400

13050 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba, new constr, views \$619,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jon Dunn 869-4215

6240 ACACIA, Architect designed 4bd/3 1/2ba, Claremont Pines \$616,000  
Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174

6241 BUENA VISTA, Bay view custom built 3/3 w/mstr suite, office \$595,000  
Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Bremser 339-1174

110 STARVIEW, Hiller Highlands outstanding townhome w/elevator \$589,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamner 339-1174

1963 OAKVIEW DR, VIEW! elegant trad'l, 4+bd, 2 city vw, garden \$589,000  
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfelner 339-1174

1160 DRURY RD, Great bay view! 4bd/3ba, fam rm, FDR, 4000sf \$589,000  
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174

5887 MARGARIDO DR, Claremont Pines, sunfilled 4/3, huge deck \$585,000  
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Grubb 339-0400

12363 SKYLINE BL, Hillcrest Estates, 3/3 Oakland hills view hm \$569,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

991 SUNNYHILLS Rd, Crocker, nw listing, enchanting 4/3 Normandy \$559,000  
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

6185 RUTLAND RD, Montclair new 4 1/2 Med, library, gourmet kit \$549,000  
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

36 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller fab 4/3 townhome, vw, gourmet kitchen \$549,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamner 339-1174

3719 BRUNELL DR, 4+bd/3 1/2ba, pano bay view, new, large, aupair \$529,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Roberta Outsterman 644-5471

8745 SKYLINE BL, Montclair 4bd/3ba, easy living, beautiful \$525,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cathy Mouton 644-5480

509 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair NEW EXCLUSIVE! 4/3 colonial, library \$499,000  
The GRUBB Company, Anjan Tunney 339-0400

35 TAURUS, Montclair, pano SF bay view, 5/4, aupair w/sep entry \$479,000  
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

3362 BRUNELL, Bay view contemp, newer 4bd/2 1/2ba, lg wooded lot \$459,000  
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000

6120 BULLARD, 5bd, 3 updated baths, rec rm, hwdws, new carpet \$455,000  
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey, 339-1174

58 LANE CT, Unique 3+1/2 Med, cul-de-sac, gourmet kitchen, VIEWS! \$450,000  
Mason-McDuffie, James Garcia 869-4211

249 SHERIDAN RD, Upr Rockridge 3bd/3 1/2ba, new listing! yard \$449,000  
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1670

6358 HEATHER RIDGE WAY, Montclair, 3bd/2 1/2ba, lots for the price \$439,000  
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

6642 LONGWALK, A Frank Lloyd Wright INSPIRED Design Home \$430,000  
3bd/3ba w/adj lot, sun deck, Privacy! Will Uher 278-0451 SAT & SUN 12-5

37 BAY FOREST Ct, Custom redo, luxury mstr, aupair, sauna, study \$429,500  
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 531-7000

719 LONGRIDGE, Crocker Highlands 3+bd/2 1/2ba, huge kitchen! \$425,000  
family room, architect updated! Broker/Owner Lois Danielson 444-8007

6788 ARMOUR DR, Montclair 4bd/2ba, view in every direction! \$419,000  
Better Homes, Sue Williams 339-8400

2733 DARNBY, Piedmont Pines recently renovated 3+2, quiet area \$419,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Gene Boomer 869-4202

1635 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 4bd/2+ba, dramatic design \$419,000  
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

1626 MOUNTAIN, Montclair 4bd/2ba \$399,900  
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

40 STARVIEW, Hiller Highlands, just listed 3bd/3ba townhome \$399,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hamner 339-1174

7128 THORNHILL, Montclair 4bd/2 1/2ba, reduced! must be sold \$399,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Carol Tawata 869-4235

3321 RUBIN DR, New listing! 3bd/2ba, au-pair, Oakland Hills, \$398,500  
gardens, views, large lot. Owner 530-9137/595-9205 SUNDAY 1-4:30

6693 CHABOT RD, Rockridge 5bd/2ba new listing! great home \$395,000  
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

5900 WOOD DR, New listing! neglected/unique 4/3 nds TLC, big lot \$375,000  
Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X126 SUNDAY 2-4

4737 PROCTOR AVE, Upr Rockridge 3 1/2, light-filled house, new \$369,000  
construction, quality, location! Beacon Prop. Gael Janofsky 654-5408

211 DUNCAN WAY, 4+bd/3ba, large rooms, on 1/4 acre, creekside \$369,000  
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

5671 CABOT, Montclair large 5bd/5ba on 3 levels, close in \$355,000  
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

3231 BRUNELL DR, 3bd/3ba, contemp fixer w/grt views! \$339,500  
Gadsby & Associates, Bill 748-5300

1939 MELVIN, Oakmore jewel 3bd/2ba + family room, bay views \$335,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Kathy Florence 869-4250

11251 LOCHARD ST, 4bd/2ba, 2-story w/canyon, bay city views \$329,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Allison Austin 522-8245/286-7620

343 MODOC AVE, Rockridge large 6bd/3ba, inlaw/au-pair, view \$329,000  
Cornish & Carey, Ashley O'Neill 935-9100/975-4320

282 STANTONVILLE, Skyline 3bd/2 1/2ba on 1/4 acre level lot \$329,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ed Marshall 869-4244

663 CARLSTON, Crocker Hghlnds, charming 4/3 1/2 Med, fixer w/vw \$325,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, James Garcia 869-4211

2525 ALIDA, Lincoln Hts 5bd/4ba, large family room, 2 frps, deck \$319,000  
in-law potential. National RE Services, Charles Rivers 482-2380

4247 LAKESHORE AVE, Crocker charmer, 3+2, kit w/bkfst room \$319,000  
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

5147 CROCKETT PL, Montclair 3bd/2ba, bay view! patio w/hot tub \$315,000  
Better Homes, Harry Kress 531-2140

6185 WESTOVER, Montclair 2bd/1ba \$315,000  
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

5100 PARKRIDGE, 4bd/2ba, 1st open, above Skyline Blvd \$310,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pam Cornford 869-4213

4668 DOLORES AVE, Glenview 2+bd/2ba, total stunning remodel \$309,000  
Better Homes, Julie Renaldi 339-8400

8211 SKYLINE BL, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba contemp, owner transferred \$309,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Marlene Daniels 428-0900

227 RIDGEWAY, Pied Ave, 4bd/3ba enchanting br shingle duplex \$299,000  
Better Homes, Rosemary 635-9842

1071 BROOKWOOD, Crocker Hghlnds 3+1ba, updated & charming \$299,000  
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

5827 MORAGA AVE, Move right in! Montclair, bright, updated kit \$295,000  
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174

5862 CHABOT COURT, Rockridge 3bd/1ba \$289,500  
Coldwell Banker, Joan Barnett 466-1495

3664 MONTEREY BL, 3bd/1 1/2ba, Redwood Hts, understated elegance \$289,000  
Gadsby & Associates, Joe Cristobal 748-5300 SUNDAY 2-4

2020 MELVIN RD, Upr Oakmore 3/2, reduced \$20K, air motivated \$289,000  
Better Homes, Martha Shin 339-8400

5581 LAWTON, New listing! Big old Rockridge fixer, 2-story bam \$289,000  
Tarpoff & Talbert 653-2050

4374 TERRABELLA WAY, 3bd/2 1/2ba w/bay view! nearly new \$279,000  
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

642 FAIRBANKS, Fabulous Craftsman 3bd bungalow, breakfast rm \$279,000  
formal dining room, stone flpl, 1650 sq.ft. 4BR SUNDAY 2-4

6140 VALLEY VIEW, Montclair 2bd/1ba + aupair, hwdw, pvt decks \$279,000  
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

7036 BALSAM WAY, Sunny 3+bd/1 1/2ba contemp, detached office \$269,000  
The GRUBB Company, John Karmay 339-0400

2050 DRAKE DR, Montclair contemp, 4bd/2ba, rumpus, 2 decks \$269,000  
Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinow 339-1174

5340 BROADWAY TER, Rockridge 2bd/2ba artistic penthouse, vw \$269,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Suzanne 644-5477

3214 FUNSTON, Oakmore 2bd/2ba, extended living space dwstrs \$259,000  
Wells & Bennett, Arnold Fields 531-7000

3751 VICTOR AVE, 3bd/1 1/2ba, Redwood Hts, great view, nds TLC \$259,000  
Gadsby & Associates, Lois 748-5300

4279 DETROIT AVE, Sunny 2bd/1ba Med, details! home office \$249,000  
Wells & Bennett, Diane Earl McCan 531-7000 SUNDAY 2-4

5330 BROADWAY, New Rockridge charmer! upr/lower 1st flbs \$249,000  
Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174

2331 MASTLANDS, Piedmont Pines, Pano vw of bay thru Liv Rms. \$249,000  
Wall of glass, including deck & mstr bd, cozy yet convenient to Warren Fwy

2601 CAMINO LENADA, 5bd/4ba, top value! lots of space, nds TLC \$249,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cindy Lange 644-5433

3916 SEQUOYAH RD, 3bd/2ba, large family rm overlooks gardens \$239,000  
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

4069 HUNTINGTON, Uppr Laurel 3/2, large deck, bay view, grt yd \$239,000  
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

4106 39TH AVE, Redwood Hts 3bd/2ba contemporary, city/bay vws \$239,000  
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

5360 ESTATES DR, Great buy in Upr Rockridge, 2bd/2ba, fam rm \$239,000  
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000

842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2bd/1+ba, hwdws, FDR +1/1 in-law \$229,000  
2 garages, 5% down. Owner 834-8768 SUN & MON 11-5 MAKE OFFER

3538 KEMPTON WAY, 4+bd/2bd, Walk to Piedmont Ave, 2 story hse \$229,000  
finished attic, garage, Nice backyard, Owner 655-9026 SAT & SUN 11-4

3821 WISCONSIN ST, 3bd/1 1/2ba w/great bay view! rumpus rm, yd \$229,000  
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

41 GRAEAGLE+, A Sequoyah Heights townhouse, off Keller just \$229,000  
below Skyline, next door to Bayview. Owner 638-7699. SAT & SUN 1-4

2443 ALIDA, Lincoln Heights 2+bd/2ba, large family room + den, \$229,000  
large yd w/patio. National RE Services, Charles Rivers 482-2380

3907 EVERETT, 1st open! charming 3/1 1/2, refinished hwdws, pvt yd \$229,000  
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 531-7000

7600 MOUNTAIN BL, Oakland Hills 3bd/2ba on 1/3 nr level acre \$219,000  
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

4188 WILSHIRE BL, New listing! trad w/pno view, FDR, large lot \$219,000  
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000

3903 LA CRESTA, Glenview 3bd, lg remod kitchen, hwdws, indispl \$219,000  
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000

3869 LYMAN, 3bd/1ba, new paint/carpet, remod kitchen, move in! \$219,000  
Gadsby & Associates 748-5300

3280 JORDAN RD, Redwood Hts 2/1 charming trad'l, lg hwdw lot \$219,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Dan Weil 254-0440 SUNDAY 1-4

266 MATHER ST, Piedmont Ave clean 3bd/1+ba, hwdw flrs, charm \$219,000  
Better Homes, Tom Nemeth 652-6537

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DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.



# plan now to roll up your sleeves

East Bay Habitat for Humanity will host its 1996 Winter Homeowner Dedication for eight families who have recently moved into their new homes at Habitat's 105th Avenue building site 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23.

Hutchings, Knox, Johnson and Alvarado families. The Homeowner Dedication is scheduled to take place at 3 p.m.

The dedication will follow a day of building homes for future Habitat homeowners.

East Bay Habitat is building a total of 40 homes at the 105th Avenue building site.

The first twelve homes are completed. We hope to finish the West Court (18 homes) by the end of 1996 and begin construction on the East Court (22 homes) in 1997.

East Bay Habitat for Humanity homes are built in partnership with Habitat homeowners and volunteers from the community.

Habitat relies on volunteer labor, financial contributions and

donated materials to keep Habitat homes affordable for low and very low income Bay Area families.

In lieu of a down payment, each Habitat family invests at least 500 hours of sweat equity into the construction of their home or the homes of other Habitat homeowners.

Families buy their homes at cost, through zero-interest mortgage payments.

Habitat then recycles the mortgage payments to build future Habitat homes.

scores may be required universally in the home loan industry. This is good news for borrowers who have gold-plated credit because their loans will be approved quickly with less hassle. Some lenders already offer an alternate documentation loan approval process for their most creditworthy borrowers. Approval requires a minimum of financial documentation, so the processing goes quickly.

However, for borrowers with a Fair, Isaac score of 620, or under, automated underwriting, and streamlined loan origination, may result in rejection. (If the lender you apply to requires a credit score as a condition of loan approval, your loan agent or mortgage broker can tell you your score.) Low credit-scorers may have to rely on the conventional method of working closely with a loan agent, or mortgage broker, to get a mortgage approved.

Credit scores are great equalizers. They discriminate on one factor: the likelihood that you will re-

pay a loan on time. There has been some controversy that credit scores might be biased against lower-income borrowers, but so far evidence does not substantiate this claim.

Credit scores analyze a multitude of variables, so one late payment, or even a past bankruptcy, need not keep you from getting a mortgage. In fact, one piece of credit information should not determine whether you get a good or bad score. It's the interaction of many credit variables that results in the score.

The use of credit scoring might help someone with a bankruptcy or foreclosure get a mortgage because it's an objective evaluation method which eliminates an individual loan underwriter's bias.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," (Chronicle Books). Order a copy from Inman News, (800) 775-4662.

# Enjoying old roses anew

Lovers of rare and heirloom roses, take note: Albertine, Louise Odier, Mme. Isaac Dereire, Sombreuil and other fragrant, rugged old roses are still blooming beautifully and you can see them this weekend.

Writer Linda Witt's "Rugged Rose" garden sale — featuring two-gallon and larger specimens from Mendocino Heirloom Roses nursery — takes place Saturday and Sunday Oct. 26 and 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at her home,

3221 Robinson Dr. (off Joaquin Miller Rd., above Hwy. 13.)

As many as 60 varieties of old roses will be available — including hybrid perpetuals, bourbons, Damasks, old teas, noisettes, R. wichurianas and R. rugosas, and great tree-climbing ramblers.

Witt, a University of California Master Gardener, became interested in old roses and their disease-, drought- and deer-resistance after finding a circa-1900 French rose called Alberic Barbier growing wild and un-

protected along Highway 13.

Visitors are encouraged to bring questions about their old roses, bring samples of unknown old roses to identify, or simply come and get rose-growing tips from Gail Daly, owner of the ten-year old Mendocino Heirloom Roses.

The nursery in Redwood Valley, CA, is one of only a handful of nurseries specializing in old and historic roses grown on their own roots. — not grafted onto root stock.

# Hymer...

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score analyzes the interrelationship between about 100 variables, utilizing information gleaned from your credit file data at the three national credit bureaus (TRW, Trans Union, and Equifax).

Fair, Isaac scores range from about 400 to 900. The higher the score, the better the credit risk. Some credit scoring models work in reverse fashion so that a higher score indicates a higher degree of risk.

If you have a Fair, Isaac score of 680, or over, you will probably be considered a premium-quality borrower, and you should qualify for a lower interest rate. You might even qualify for a preferential interest rate. Some lenders use your credit score to determine your interest rate: the higher the credit score, the lower the interest rate, and vice versa.

Recently, both Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae have come out in favor of using credit scores. In time, credit

# Mortgage rates remain steady; inflation low and economy healthy

On Oct. 17 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced that its Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgages rose just 2 basis points from last week's 7.86 percent to 7.88 percent.

During the third week of October 1995, the 30-year fixed rate was 7.38 percent.

The start rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) was down 6 basis points to 5.62 percent from last week's average of 5.68 percent. A year ago the ARM start rate was 5.72 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance arena, rose a single basis point to 7.39 percent from last week's figure of 7.38 percent. This time last year this rate was 6.92 percent.

"Interest rates remain steady and affordable this week, almost unchanged from last week," said Freddie Mac Deputy Principal Economist James Berkovec. "With low inflation and a healthy economy, now is an excellent time for homebuying." This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 25th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey, having tracked mortgage rates since

1971.

By supplying lenders with the money to make mortgages and packaging the mortgages into marketable securities Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by home buyers. On Sept. 30 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for October payments at 4.839 percent, up 2 basis points from the 4.819 percent that was in effect for September payments. The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

3330 VICTOR AVE, 4bd/2ba, privacy, decks, spacious yard, decks \$209,000  
Wells & Bennett, Diane Earl McCan 531-7000 X292

48 IRONWOOD, Oakland Hills 3bd/2+ba, just listed! bay vw, level yd \$207,000  
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

3133 SYLVAN AVE, Buyer friendly 3/2, covered patio, family rm \$204,000  
Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174

5224 BOYD AVE, Rockridge 3b/1b fixer w/huge basement, garage \$200,000  
Mason-McDuffie 485-0211, Erika Celestre 658-3727

4149 HOWE ST, Piedmont Ave brown shingle, 2/1 w/many upgrades \$199,500  
Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460

510 JEAN ST, New listing! nw 2bd/2ba condos, hdwds, frpl, balcony \$185,000  
Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127 to \$210,000

2239 SHAFTER, Rockridge, 2bd/1ba, dining rm + eat-in kitchen \$179,000  
Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

3048 CARLSEN ST, Upper Laurel, new listing! bright/cozy 2+1 \$179,000  
Better Homes, Sam Ghaderi 531-6712

4427 CAMDEN, Maxwell Park, cute & comfy 3bd/1+1/2ba, convenient \$174,500  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Joan Simmons 287-2515

5300 COLE ST, 3bd/2ba, light, bright, airy, spacious, 2-car garage \$169,500  
Gadsby & Associates, George 748-5300 SUNDAY 2-4

9012 BURR, Remodeled 3bd/2ba view home, minutes to zoo \$169,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217

3849 BUELL ST, 2bd/1ba, just listed! bright/sunny, new paint, yd \$165,000  
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

4009 VIEW ST, 1bd/1+1/2, Pied Ave area, 2 story fixer, opportunity \$165,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mark Miller 893-5030

400 WAYNE AVE, New listing! new condos, 2/2, vw Lake Merritt \$155,000  
Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127 to \$175,000

2825 SHORT ST, 2bd/1ba adorable craftsman, FDR, hdwds, garden \$149,000  
Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400

4515 ELINORA AVE, Redwood Hts 2bd/1ba adorable cottage, lg lot \$149,000  
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

3806 GLEN PARK, Glenview 2bd/1ba, quaint English cottage, charm \$147,000  
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583

2903 CARMEL ST, Lincoln Hts 2bd/1+1/2ba, best value! 1300 sf twnhm \$142,500  
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

5918 MLK JR WAY, North Oakland 4bd/1+1/2ba craftsman +warehouse \$139,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cecelia 644-5439

2011 DAMUTH, Dimond 2bd/1ba adorable cottage, reduced/valued \$139,000  
Better Homes, Carolyn Harley 272-9080

4022 MASTERSON, Laurel, adorable 2bd/1ba, nr shops, transp. \$129,000  
The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400

770 CANYON OAKS DR #G, 1bd/1ba private, quiet condo, backs to \$109,500  
open space & park trails. ERA Golden Hills, Jill Gabin 930-7653 SUN 2-4

5421 ROBERTS, Maxwell Park 2bd/1ba, charming, must see! \$105,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217 SATURDAY 1-4

127 BAYO VISTA #108, 1st open! lg 1bd condo, walk Piedmont Ave \$68,000  
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 531-7000

**ALBANY** Open Sunday

1222 MARIN, Albany 3bd/1ba \$225,000  
Coldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

2878 TAFT, 2+bd/2+1/2ba, huge spaces! ready to move in! \$214,500  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X107 SUNDAY 2-4

709 JOHNSON, Just reduced! 2bd starter, hdwds, nr shops/transp \$167,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, Connie Hanna 814-4814 SATURDAY 2-4:30

**BERKELEY** Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

959 MILLER AVE, 4bd/3+1/2ba work of art! gourmet kit, FDR, views! \$949,500  
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400 SUNDAY 2-4

2727 CLAREMONT BL, Gorgeous/elegant 3+bd/2+1/2ba, kit/fam rm \$825,000  
Templeton Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X126 SUNDAY 2-4

2731 CLAREMONT BL, English tudor, cul-de-sac, new kitchen \$699,000  
J. T. Ward Realtors, Nancy Platford 845-6021 X226 SUNDAY 2-4

677 SANTA BARBARA RD, 4+bd/3ba, best location! SF/GG wvs! \$525,000  
Templeton Company, Nancy Norman 652-2133 X124

1153 KEELER AVE, Glorious views, private setting, 4+bd/2+1/2ba \$449,000  
Templeton Company, Nancy Lee Norman 652-2133 X124

1305 HENRY ST, 3 new townhomes, 2 & 3 bd, quality, yds/decks \$345,000  
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460 to \$425,000

1115 MILLER AVE, 2+bd/1ba remodel, fab SF bay views, landscaped \$325,000  
Coldwell Banker, 254-4385, Jerilyn Babington 746-2021 SUNDAY 1-4

1111 OXFORD, Enticing bungalow, 3/2+1/2, garden, nearby shops \$320,000  
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Terese Ashman 841-6501 SUNDAY 2-4

2478 PRINCE, Attractive 2 story 4bd/1+1/2ba traditional \$309,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X165 SUNDAY 2-4

10 AVENIDA, Berkeley Hills 3bd/2ba ranch, move in condition! \$299,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Karen Blandy 869-4223

1620 BELVEDERE, Berkeley 2bd/2ba \$237,000  
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

2810 MATHEWS, 3bd/2ba total remodel, bank owned, yd, garage \$199,950  
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501

3011 DOHR ST, 2bd/1ba newer home, upgrades throughout, FDR \$161,000  
Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460

1290 BANCROFT WAY, New price! sunny 2 bedroom \$148,500  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X114 SUNDAY 2-4

1420 STANNAGE, Berkeley 2bd/1ba \$148,500  
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

1721 BERKELEY WAY, 2bd/1ba \$130,000  
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495

**CONCORD** Open Sunday

1794 CLAYCOURT AVE, 3bd/2ba \$179,900  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224 SUNDAY 1-4 ONLY

**CASTRO VALLEY** Open Sunday

3097 MASSACHUSETTS, 4bd/4ba private, custom, immaculate \$389,950  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Sareda 869-4258 SUNDAY 2-4:30

**EL CERRITO** Open Sunday

7411 TERRACE DR, Pano Vw, 3/2 + 2/1 in-law with separate entry, \$339,000  
Poss Lease Option. Nw price! Prudential CA, Louise Dixon 888-6331 SUN 1-5

**EMERYVILLE** Open Sunday

4300 HORTON #10, 1bd/1+1/2ba, beaut. upgrades, warehouse conversion \$215,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4

**KENSINGTON** Open Sunday

41 LAM CT, New listing! custom bit around pvt court, 4 1/2, den \$425,000  
Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127 SUNDAY 2-4:30

**ORINDA** Open Sunday

21 DIAS DORADOS, Beautifully remodeled 5 1/3, must be sold! \$699,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, George Millions 869-4233 SUNDAY 2-4:30

**PINOLE** Open Sunday

1651 MICHAEL DRIVE, Pinole 3bd/3ba \$179,900  
Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

**PIEDMONT** Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

110 ST JAMES DR, Elegant open plan, detail, 4+1/2+3, fab garden! \$895,000  
Templeton Company, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133

11 SELBORNE DR, 6bd/4ba, grt floor plan, numpus, level yard \$729,000  
Pacific Union, Helen Danhak 547-5750

107 PACIFIC AVE, 5bd/2+1/2ba fab Med, kit/family room, level out \$699,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Leslie Gordon 658-4280

331 ST JAMES, 4+bd/4+1/2ba, very spacious, best value, quality \$599,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carole Berger 644-5499

12 ALTA AVE, 3+bd/2+1/2ba classic w/view and versatility \$594,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Maddy Hicking 655-6896

457 MOUNTAIN AVE, 3bd/2ba, new listing! grt location, SF views \$535,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, H. Chew 644-5422

159 ST JAMES DR, 3bd/3ba, renovated interior, FDR, family room \$425,000  
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

507 MORAGA, 4bd/2ba, huge park-like garden, walk to K-12/SF bus \$399,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Cindy Fritsch-Fleming 644-5446

3 PARKSIDE DR, Charming 3bd/2ba, garden, close to schools \$359,000  
The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

56 NACE AVE, 3bd/2ba, 1712 sq ft, FDR, family rm, frpl, lg deck \$325,800  
Art Realty 465-4805 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30

100 RAMONA AVE, Charming 2bd/1ba, FDR, garden, nr schools \$299,500  
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400

**RICHMOND** Open Sunday

730 McLAUGHLIN, Richmond 2bd/1ba \$112,000  
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

**SAN LEANDRO** Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

380 BREED, 3bd/2ba, super sharp, gourmet kitchen, mstr retreat \$239,500  
Better Homes, Earle Shenk 287-9590 SUNDAY 2-4:30

860 BEGIER AVE, 3bd/1+1/2ba English Tudor home in quaint setting \$189,000  
Re/Max in Motion, Les Fohl 728-2912 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30

2515 OUTRIGGER, 3bd/2+1/2ba, tile entry, upgraded carpets, balcony \$179,500  
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 SUNDAY 2-4

458 DIEHL AVE, 3+bd/1+1/2ba, split level, hdwds, new deck, plus room \$179,000  
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30

935 JOAQUIN AVE, 3bd/1+1/2ba, probate sale, walk shops/transp, value \$155,000  
Corbett Properties 530-4600 SUNDAY 2-4

1981 NOME ST, 3bd/1ba, sunny "cream puff", upgrades, cov. patio \$148,000  
Re/Max in Motion, Maria/Randa 522-7110 SUNDAY 2-4:30

14163 SEAGATE, Ground level 2bd condo, grt location! trpl, pool \$142,000  
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 SUNDAY 2-4

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## TRANSPORTATION

### 101 Autos

**ALL Autos Wanted** Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1996 to help the Homeless Children. Please call us at 415 871 0885. We need Vans, Cars, RVs, Trucks. Thank you.

BMW 2002, 1970 Original owners \$1200 offer. Rust spots, burns oil. 1628 Bonita, Berkeley 510-848-3622.

DODGE Aries, 1986 One owner, gray, 2 door, 48K automatic, air, radio, power \$3200 547-0207.

FORD Pickup, 1968, V-8, 4 wheel drive. Crusty but strong \$2100 best offer 855-6128.

HONDA 1986 CRX SI 1 owner EXCELLENT! QUICK! \$7500 or best offer 855-6902.

SUZU Trooper II, 1986 Runs good New clutch transmission AM/FM, CD player \$4000 510-339-0266.

MERCEDES 400e, 1993, rare, excellent condition, very low mileage, \$39,500. 510-826-2326 547-0207.

MERCEDES 240 D, 1982, silver blue, manual transmission, air, sunroof, low mileage (131K), well maintained, clean, \$4100! best offer 655-6128.

### SEIZED CARS FROM \$175

Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes Also Jeeps, 4 Wheel Drives. Your area. Toll free 1-800-998-9778 ext. A-7057 for current listings

### VOLKSWAGEN, Rabbit GFI, 1984 Silver, sunroof, runs perfectly \$2200 510-427-4345

### 102 Bicycles

SPECIALS! New Raleigh, KHS, Nashi, ParkPre, Univega. Also used mountain bikes 2800 Telegraph Ashby 841-7630

### 103 Boats-Service & Storage

GLASTON 30' fish boat, 18'x11, 110 hp outboard with low hours. Convertible top, canvas cover trailer \$2950! best offer 655-6128

### 106 Repair - Parts & Service

QUALITY, Low cost, honest, Motre Auto Repair ASE certified, ARD registered Bob Clary (510) 726-8552

## BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Food, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks)

### 201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland

CARPPOOL PARTNER WANTED to split riding/driving. From Piedmont/Montclair to Mountain View Monday-Friday 8-5 (flexible). Please call Stephanie 510-654-8186

Will address invitations for weddings, luncheons, holiday parties for all occasions 510-635-4463

### 206 Found

KITTEN, Rag Doll, vicinity MacArthur and 98th 569-7305

### 207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Mar 510-444-3204

BORDER Collie/lab, 11 months, spayed female, loving dog, likes kids, needs good home 223-3735

BEAUTIFUL, year old Retriever/Doberman cross Tail, dew claws removed. Spayed. Good home Yard 655-7585

SOIL, 5 cubic yards. You haul, any amount. Montclair 339-6023

FOUND loving, young, female, grey Tabby, long-haired, spayed, flea collar. Owner or adopt 526-8759

"BRAWN", 2 years, brown/white, male cat, friendly, loving, affectionate. Owner abandoned. Contact Mar 444-3204

"REX", male, long hair cat, orange, 1 year. Sweet, affectionate. Homeless. Donation. Mar 444-3204

FREE firewood, you haul. Colma and Broadway. Call evenings after 7 p.m. 654-1453

### 208 Lost

MISSING red nosed Pit Bull dog, from Lemert Street. Please call Mike, 530-4872. Reward

LOST, small Chihuahua, on Wiley St., San Leandro October 8th. Reward for return 351-2962, 455-4723

ORANGE Tabby, male 2 years old, "Huckleberry". Purple collar. Montclair, Asst. September 20th. Lucy 893-8700

MALE, black/white Pitt Bull, 10 years old. Piedmont Ave./Pleasant Valley, October 9th 547-1098

"BOWS", grey, striped Tabby, neutered male, aquarium eyes, large body. Glenview, October 14th. Reward \$50-568

"TOM" All black DSH cat, still missing. Please return safely. We love you Tom 330-7522

LOST gold bracelet with blue stones, Wednesday, October 16, Mountain Boulevard, Gary, 339-1174

LOST cat "Calvin", tabby with white, neutered male, green eyes. Missing October 14th. Reward \$31-5185

FEMALE Husky, brown eyes, black/silver, white felt face. Found October 13th. San Leandro 521-1758

## EDUCATION

### 302 Childrens Schools & Camps

**CIRCLE PRESCHOOL**  
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years 547-6447

**SMILES DAY SCHOOL**  
Pre-school program 2.9-5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools 7:30-6:00 339-3830

HORSEBACK Riding Programs: Vacation Camps November 1, 4, 11, 29. \$65/day Saturdays, with transportation. Roughing It Day Camp, 283-3795

## 303 Instruction & Tutoring

**A LEARNING PLACE**  
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley 531-2500

### MATH TUTOR

All levels individual and small group tutoring, patient, kind, effective. Experienced, credentialed teacher. Reasonable rates. Call for free brochure, with references. Alan 763-3918

BLOOD Drawing Phlebotomy course by Boston Reed Company. Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered institution. #2800291

## 303 Instruction & Tutoring

INSTRUCTION for adults and children. Experienced credentialed teacher. Reading, math, science and computers. Christine 232-6560

CHEMISTRY, math specialists Also SAT, reading, more. Lessons at your home. Mature, experienced teachers. 525-6534

INJECTION and I.V. Certification course for CNA's, MA's, EMT's by Boston Reed Company. Call 1-800-201-1141

### COMPUTER SPECIALIST

We teach Windows '95, upgrade, configure, set-up, advise \$25/hour. Call Charlie 569-9680

### GERMAN TUTOR

Available for reading, talking and teaching kids German. Berkeley area. Peter Weiss 510-649-9019

SCHOOL'S in session is your child already behind in math? Tutor in Math, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus 530-4053

## 304 Musical Instruction

ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9-90 531-5625 message

PIANO Lessons, Jazz, Blues, Classical, more. Experienced, patient. All ages. First lesson free. AMI, 865-3943

BLUES/Jazz Funk guitar. Focus on forging your own sound, song writing, improvisation, and the art of playing with a group. Nat 653-3623

VIOLIN lessons, all ages, all levels, given by experienced professional. I specialize in classical, Cuban and improvisational music. 534-8964

TRUMPET teacher available for private lessons, all ages and skill levels. Classical, Jazz, Contemporary 530-4053

PIANO, organ lessons, your home. All levels, styles. Adults and children. Very experienced. Linda, 655-0690

LEARN piano easily, all ages/levels. 15 years experience. Taught with light touch. Leslie 524-3858

\$795 VERY large 1 plus bedroom unit with hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, basement storage. Beautiful wooded area one block from Kaiser Permanente and Piedmont Avenue 547-1528

## EMPLOYMENT

### 401 Help Wanted

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. Full-time, strong computer/people skills, for law office reception. Phone, scheduling, word processing, assist partner. Dependable, organized, self-motivated. Great Grace Under Pressure. Work perfect and spreadsheets. Established but growing law firm. Friendly and supportive staff in lovely professional office near Park Street. Alameda Fax resume: 855-4586

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistants- Word, Excel, PowerPoint, WordPerfect Temporary and full-time positions. AppleOne 835-0210

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### BRADFORD STAFF

1970 Broadway, Oakland 94612

ADMINISTRATIVE assistant, Holistic School, 24-30 hours/week, some nights. Photo office work, communication/marketing skills helpful. Send resume and cover to: Personnel, 1533 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 94709

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant for Real Estate Brokers. Self-motivated, very dependable, multiple tasks, excellent computer skills, WordPerfect 6.0 required. Near Oakland Airport. Resume to: WCRE, 2497 Industrial Parkway West, Hayward, CA 94545 or fax 510-786-1580

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
For non-profit training program for teens. Experience in IBM/MS Word helpful. 30 hours/week. Salary \$8-10/hour DOE plus benefits. Resume: 1925 MLK Jr Way, Berkeley 94704

ALAMEDA Insurance Agency seeks full-time or part-time customer service representative or sales associate, personal lines-commercial lines. Experienced preferred. 523-2924

ASSISTANT Manager, Retail Computer store, East Bay. Sales experience, organizational skills, days Tuesday-Saturday. Salary, commission, benefits. Fax resume: 510-522-1899

ASSISTANT Manager, good benefits, friendly store. Apply Berkeley Natural Grocery, 1336 Gilman St., Berkeley

BAKERY Sales Clerk, full/part-time. Experienced preferred. Apply in person: Virginia Bakery, 1690 Shattuck, Berkeley

BANKING Product Operators. Immediate openings. Seek 10 Check Encode Machine Operators for assignment in San Leandro, 10-key, data entry experience. Salary commensurate with experience. Haywood 510-782-8070 or Oakland 510-639-0314

BILLING Administrator. Full-time. Rockledge/Oakland firm seeks sharp, committed, dependable, self-starter with organizational and PC skills. Duties include: invoice/payroll function, A/R. Recent bookkeeping experience required. Full benefits. Send Cover Letter and Resume to: P, 5335 College Ave., #22, Oakland, CA 94618

BUSY Sports Chiropractor seeks experienced, full-time billing specialist A/R, insurance, managed care. Independent, personable, wellness oriented. Good benefits. Fax resume: (510) 893-8907

CARPENTERS at all levels at residential experience are needed by Winans Construction. Send resume with cover to: 3947 Opal Street, Oakland 94609 or fax: 653-0620. No phone calls please

CASHIER- Tuesday, Friday, 11-4; Saturday 4-10. Over 18 Apply in person only: Walker's Pie Shop, 1481 Solano, Albany

CASHIER full-time, friendly store, good benefits. Apply in person, Berkeley Natural Grocery, 1336 Gilman, Berkeley

CASHIER/Phones \$7/hour Part-time, 4 hours daily except Sundays. Applications: Truitt and White, 6421 Hearst Ave., Berkeley

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## 401 Help Wanted

### CITY OF PIEDMONT

#### FIRE CHIEF

We are looking for an innovative leader to join a creative problem solving team which deals with budget, planning and coordination of day to day challenges. Candidates with disaster preparedness and SEMS training experience. Must have knowledge of the principles and practices of municipal fire administration, applicable laws and experience in departmental administration. Equivalent of graduation from a four year college with major course work in fire science, fire administration or a closely related field and three years of supervisory or command experience in the fire service is a typical method of obtaining the knowledge and skills required. Salary: Open DOQ (currently \$6,186/month plus excellent benefits).  
Deadline for receipt of all applications is November 15th, 1996 5 p.m.  
City applications are required. Contact: City of Piedmont, Human Resources, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611 or call (510) 420-3046 for application materials EOE/ADA/AA

CLEANER counter, no experience, will train, full-time or part-time, 4364 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, for application

### CLERICAL

Active office. Need good customer skills. AVIATION ACADEMY, Oakland Airport. Send job and salary history to fax: 568-8116

CLERICAL \$7+ Typing and order telephone skills a must. One year minimum clerical experience. Fax detailed resume to: (510) 832-3566

CONTRACTORS- Sharp, organized, licensed General contractors, minimum 15 years experience. All aspects of construction. Subcontract material and materials on small (2 hours-1 week) jobs for busy handyman company. 20-40 hours/week \$23/hour plus materials. Must be journey/master level in all trades, extremely reliable, punctual, responsible, energetic, quality oriented, clean-cut, non-smoking, excellent people skills, positive attitude. Own tools, truck with insurance. Work region El Cerrito to Castro Valley and Lamondia. Call only if you are licensed, serious about work, live in the work area. 339-1616

COPY Operator- \$5-\$7/hour DOE. Copy shop experience preferred. Neat appearance. Oakland 510-763-1888

COPY shop counter person needed with experience. Lakeshore Ave. area. Full-time/benefits 510-763-2661

COUNTER Help. Apply in person. Dollar Cleaners, Oakland, corner of 49th St. and Telegraph Ave.

CUSTOMER Service/Cashier, full-time, 40 hours. Must be available 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. 7 days. Berkeley Staff \$48/hour 510-448-8787

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

Major East Bay giftware manufacturer seeks experienced Customer Service Rep for heavy phone contact with customers and sales reps. Must be a highly motivated team player with fresh positive attitude. Fax resume to: 510-420-8897 or mail to: P.O. Box 246, Berkeley 94701 EOE

CUSTOMER SERVICE-Part-time, \$5/hour to start. Must be people person. Contact Amy at Oakland Athletic Club, 2935 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, 834-5600



**401 Help Wanted**

**FOSTER PARENTS:** For emotionally disturbed children ages 7-17. Medical expenses, office, intensive support services, training, monthly fee. Please call Ms. Israel at Fred Finch Youth Center, 510-482-2244.

**FULL-TIME, Weekdays.** Community-based support program for adults with developmental disabilities. \$1350/month. 510-839-8094.

**HOUSE Cleaners wanted.** Experience, references and own transportation required. \$91 hour. 534-0760.

**INSURANCE:** Full-time, personal lines customer service representative for property and casualty agency. Experience required. 451-6000.

**LANDSCAPE construction help,** 25 hour week, e. 2:30. Must have transportation. Will train. 786-1308.

**Local frame shop** is now interviewing for part-time/full-time framing, sales, and production positions. Creativity, reliability and ability to work well with others are qualities we are seeking. Framing and related experience is preferred, however training is provided. Interested? Contact Marcia or Yuri at 510-644-2356.

**LOOKING for bright, energetic** quick learner for front counter sales, customer service, cashier, data entry. Full-time, \$1300/month plus benefits. Established retail store, pleasant environment. Fax resume to: 510-254-6122.

**MANAGER, 18 units,** good area, Oakland. Maintenance skills. Resume 22 Littlewood Dr., Piedmont 94611. 658-6658.

**MARKETING/lead development** for Berkeley lighting manufacturer. 10 flexible hours per week. Fax letter/resume to: 849-2328.

**MECHANIC:** Hydraulic and construction equipment, minimum 5 years experience. Applicant must be subject to drug testing, clean DMV required. 568-8112; fax 568-1601.

**MEDICAL Billing.** Seeking experienced person for AP, APR, collections and miscellaneous office work. Consider full or part-time. Fax resume to: 510-763-7665. EOE.

**MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER**  
Physical therapy office in Berkeley, 30-40 hours. Experience in billing, accounts receivable, scheduling, reception and computers. Knowledge of medical terminology and insurance. Fax resume to: 510-941-6733.

**MERCHANDISER** part-time. Greeting card company needs mature person to service card departments, Oakland area. Must have flexible schedule, access to transportation, good organizational skills. Dependability a must. Will train. Reply: Greeting Cards, P.O. Box 20306, Castro Valley 94546-3306. M/F. EOE.

**OFFICE-Business Manager.** Chemical Company Background. Helpful. \$30K+. Benefits. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland 94612.

**OFFICE assistant/receptionist.** Must have good telephone skills, typing, filing, light bookkeeping and data entry experience. Benefits. \$8.00 per hour. Bitt 653-7227.

**OFFICE help.** Friday mornings, 8:30-12:30. General office duties, computer skills, patience, pleasant personality essential. Knowledge of Boy Scout program helpful. Call Piedmont Scout office, 547-4493.

**OPTOMETRIC Assistant** for Berkeley practice, full-time, friendly, accurate, computer literate. Experience required. Must have flexible schedule, access to transportation, good organizational skills. Dependability a must. Will train. Reply: Greeting Cards, P.O. Box 20306, Castro Valley 94546-3306. M/F. EOE.

**PART-TIME Relief Storage Manager** to work Fridays, Saturdays and occasional weekday. Individual must have some computer skills, experience in sales and hardware. Please call (510) 452-4734.

**PAYROLL ACCOUNTANT**  
KPMG, a professional services firm, is seeking a payroll accountant for its internal accounting department in Oakland. Duties include G/L, bank reconciliations, state tax administration, miscellaneous payroll duties and research. Seeking self-starter with at least 3 years experience, strong analytical skills, and competence in DOS and Windows.

Send resume and salary requirements to:  
One Kaiser Plaza, 12th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
EOE/AAE

**KPMG** Peat Marwick LLP

**PAYROLL.** Customer payroll personnel system has opening for a Client Service Representative as a liaison between clients and our operations/engines. Please call: 510-482-2244.

**POOL TECHNICIAN**  
Hardworking, reliable only, CDL, clean DMV. Will train. 223-7337, Monday-Friday.

**PROPOSAL WRITER**  
Join the Global Leader! 3+ years proven business writing/editing skills, computer proficiency and a Bachelor's degree are the minimum qualifications required to successfully develop, write and edit proposals and other marketing materials from inception to completion for our multiple lines-of-business. Creativity and the ability to think strategically in a detail oriented environment a must.

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Job #PWR-1096  
2 Embarcadero Center  
San Francisco, CA 94111

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**RECEPTIONIST/ Customer Service.** Full-time 1 year office experience, excellent phone skills mandatory. Order entry experience preferred. Major Medical, 401K Plan \$19,000 yearly. Call Kathleen King: 510-236-8300. AMOT Controls Corporation, Richmond.

**RECEPTIONIST:** Alameda, Loveable, organized Computer user with sunny personality to manage busy phones, calendar appointments and greet clients. Professional only, friendly, sales, DOS WordPerfect. Fax resume and salary needs. 865-4586.

**RETAIL,** part-time weekday afternoons and weekends at teacher supply store. Grand Avenue location (Oakland). 444-5751.

**RETAIL:** McCaulou's Department Store. Montclair. Has openings for Full-time/Part-time sales associates also part-time parking lot attendant, outside. Apply in person: 6211 Meadow Place, Oakland.

**RETAIL Sales Associates.** Women's specialty clothing store seeks experienced, energetic sales people, full-time/part-time. Hourly plus bonus. 849-0492; fax 849-1914.

**RETAIL SALES.** Full-time. Ability to work with design and color. Some clerical experience helpful. Send work and salary history to: Tieshop, 1005 Harrison St., Berkeley 94710.

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**RETAIL Sales.** Are you stylish? Great sales experience? If so call Britches. Full-time/part-time. 420-1180.

**RETAIL Sales.** The Best of All Worlds, a specialty retailer of fine home gifts and accessories, opening a new store in Berkeley and is now hiring experienced sales associates and shipper/receivers. Call Julie at 510-558-1949.

**SALES-** outside - several positions in San Francisco and Alameda for motivated, self starters looking for big dollars and great benefits. AppleOne, 835-0210.

**SALES Assistant** in high-end antique rug gallery. Good with public. Attention to detail. Heavy lifting. 401 required. IBM computer experience helpful. 25 to 30 hours including Sunday through December 15th or longer. \$6.75 to start. Claremont Rug Co. Call Miran 654-0617.

**SECRETARIAL,** part-time, pleasant professional office, nice Grand Ave. location, salary open. Fax resume to 451-7183.

**SKI Technician and Ski Boot Fitter.** Experienced, reliable, quality oriented, customer service and sales skills. Part Full-time, ski benefits. Call Ski's Edge, 510-531-1559.

**STORE Manager.** Local women's clothing manufacturer opening outlet store on 4th Street, Berkeley. You should have strong retail background, outstanding customer service skills, plus time management and organizational experience. We offer \$21,000, benefits, bonuses and store discounts. Call Andrew 598-8282 or fax resume 652-8222.

**SWEET DREAMS CANDY STORE**  
Seeking dedicated, hardworking person for full time. Must have retail experience, flexible schedule and great personality. Contact Gary, 549-1211.

**TEACHER,** part-time, advanced math, sciences, study skills. 531-2500.

**TEACHER:** Opportunity to use computer as a teaching tool with students ages 4-11 years. Oakland/Alameda area. Maximum class size of 4. Elementary Education degree with ECE units or equivalent. \$2401. 10-15 hours/week to start. Will train. Learning Street, USA, 283-4914.

**TEACHER assistant,** for preschool in Rockridge, Monday-Friday. Great opportunity/working environment. 510-652-7021.

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Stephen Dunn and Associates, a national leader in fundraising, is seeking individuals for sales representatives who are professional and articulate to start immediately. Raise funds for a variety of non-profits including:

Bay Area Most Prominent AIDS Organization  
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Earn base pay and generous bonuses while helping organizations you care about. Afternoon and evening shifts available, permanent part-time, minimum 20 hours per week and one weekend shift per week required. Near Berkeley BART. Call Monday-Friday at 510-540-5792, ext. 213.

**TELEFUNDRAISERS WANTED!!**  
Mature, compassionate and articulate people to help in California's largest homeless outreach program. Mornings and weekends especially needed. \$2401. Base pay plus bonus. 510-540-5792 ext. 213.

**TRUCK DRIVER** for LTL freight company. Local and long haul. 2 years experience. Clean driving record. Class A license with doubles endorsement. Medical and Dental benefits. Condon Enterprises, 534-7200.

**VALET PARKING**  
Wage plus tips, part-time, full-time. 510-633-3580.

**VETERINARIAN Kennel Assistant,** part-time, weekends a must. \$8. Apply Alameda Pet Hospital, 2275 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda.

**WAITSTAFF** 2 years experience, personable, efficient, pleasant work place, Apply 3-5, Monday-Friday, Courtyard Cafe, 1349 Park St., Alameda. Fax 521-1733.

**WELDER/ Production Manufacturing.** MIG-Semi Prints To 14 Hour. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland 94612.

**402 Independent Employment**  
Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

**\$1,000's POSSIBLE READING BOOKS**  
Part-time. At home. Toll Free 800-896-9778, ext. R-7057 for listings.

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**Homeworkers Urgently Needed!**  
Earn weekly paychecks from the comfort of your own home. Free trials. Send long, self-addressed stamped envelope to:  
SPEL, Dept. 003, PO Box 267, Alameda 94501

**HOME TYPISTS**  
PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-4343, ext. 9-22136.

**TRAVEL AGENTS WANTED**  
Part-time/Full-time; no experience needed; training is provided; call 510-794-1267.

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY \$500-\$900 WEEKLY POTENTIAL**  
Processing Mortgage Refunds. Own hours. Call 1-800-801-6620, ext. 2283.

**SALES.** Earn Christmas money. Become a fashion director with Jewels By Park Lane and earn \$20-\$50 per hour. Contact Connie 510-568-5179 after 6 p.m.

**403 Salon Opportunities**  
STYLIST with clientele, high commission. Station retail available also. 525-5153.

**404 Volunteer Opportunities**  
NON-PROFIT facility in Oakland Hills, seeks volunteers to do general clerical, copying and filing. 1-2 days/week. Mornings or afternoons available. Contact Paula at 510-531-3111, ext. 318 or send letter to Lincoln Child Center, 4368 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, CA 94602.

**405 Employment Exchange**  
STUDENT. Mature, reliable, career. Exchange room for some work. (415) 397-2000.

**YOUNG, professional married couple** will provide companionship, security, light chores, shopping and gardening for disabled or elderly person in exchange for private living quarters, cottage or in-law unit. Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito. Experience. Excellent references. Lisa and Isaac, 528-5451.

**406 Employment Wanted**  
BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627.

**CENTRAL American refugees** seek employment in housekeeping, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 864-9011.

**CAREGIVER, housekeeper, babysitter.** Excellent references. English and Spanish speaking. 510-652-2761.

**COMPASSIONATE CNA/ HHA** reliable, experienced. Low hourly rates, negotiable, 5 days/week. Licensed. 634-6550 message.

**407 Employment Information**  
RESUME: Make yours clearly reflect the job you want! Susan Urquhart-Brown, Career Counselor, 531-2071.

**408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted**  
ATTENDANTS/ (S) for disabled men and women, live-in, weekends. Call Community Access 547-2426, Rosalee or Marc.

**ATTENDANT** for senior woman with Alzheimer's. Full care. Has openings for Full-time/Part-time. 3:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 7/1 hr. benefits. (510) 568-1691.

**TOP of the line Kenmore refrigerator,** 2 years new, white, 20 cu. in. MTC 716-3668.

**408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted**

**NANNY/light housekeeping.** Live-out, Piedmont, kids 8 and 5. Must drive 2-3 days/week. 12-6 p.m. 547-5143.

**409 Childcare Wanted**  
**NANNIES**  
Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Moms Away, 558-9195.

**NANNIES** full-time or part-time or live-in. Child care work, experience, references, car required. No fee. 923-2273. Be In Our Care Nanny Agency.

**LOVING, mature, English speaking person** to care for happy 2 year old in North Berkeley. Licensed driver with car required. Approximately 40 hours/week 7 a.m., Monday-Friday. 415-512-3143 days.

**CHILD CARE** needed, early morning, must drive/own car. Great pay. 10 year old. Oakland 465-9754.

**CHILD CARE** for our two 4 year olds. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 1-6:30 p.m. Must have car, excellent driving record. Call Karon, 658-1870.

**PART-TIME babysitter,** 2-5 p.m. weekdays, with high energy and sense of humor, light housekeeping, non-smoking, references. Call Joan 654-0560.

**BRIGHT, flexible, organized, CDL, full-time,** English speaking, experience required. Call Monday-Friday, 8-5, 524-4936.

**NANNY:** loving, energetic person to care for infant and 3 year old. Full-time, live-in only. Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday. Experience and references required. Fluent English. Non-smoking. Spacious studio apartment, complete, competitive salary and benefits. North Berkeley. Call Barbara or Steve, 510-540-5937.

**HAPPY 4 1/2 year boy** needs nanny, 20+ hours, afternoons, English speaking, references. Montclair 601-5745.

**CREATIVE/ Energetic** babysitter for childcare/transportation. Baby 3, Girl 8, Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-6:45. Must have car, insurance, excellent references. Oakland. Kathy 530-4557.

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**403 Salon Opportunities**  
STYLIST with clientele, high commission. Station retail available also. 525-5153.

**404 Volunteer Opportunities**  
NON-PROFIT facility in Oakland Hills, seeks volunteers to do general clerical, copying and filing. 1-2 days/week. Mornings or afternoons available. Contact Paula at 510-531-3111, ext. 318 or send letter to Lincoln Child Center, 4368 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, CA 94602.

**405 Employment Exchange**  
STUDENT. Mature, reliable, career. Exchange room for some work. (415) 397-2000.

**YOUNG, professional married couple** will provide companionship, security, light chores, shopping and gardening for disabled or elderly person in exchange for private living quarters, cottage or in-law unit. Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito. Experience. Excellent references. Lisa and Isaac, 528-5451.

**406 Employment Wanted**  
BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627.

**CENTRAL American refugees** seek employment in housekeeping, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 864-9011.

**CAREGIVER, housekeeper, babysitter.** Excellent references. English and Spanish speaking. 510-652-2761.

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**407 Employment Information**  
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**408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted**  
ATTENDANTS/ (S) for disabled men and women, live-in, weekends. Call Community Access 547-2426, Rosalee or Marc.

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**TOP of the line Kenmore refrigerator,** 2 years new, white, 20 cu. in. MTC 716-3668.

**603 Garage & Estate Sales**

**GARAGE SALE ADS?**

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**15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL**  
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**KITTENGER Williamsburg dining table, six chairs, built-in cabinet, mahogany. A real treasure. 654-0928.**

**606 Miscellaneous For Sale**  
**FIREWOOD:** Autumn, Special: \$135/ mixed cord. Oak, cedar, walnut, available. 5900 Coliseum Way. Daily 635-1779.

**FIREWOOD:** Split, seasoned eucalyptus/ pine, \$109/cord. Redwood split, mix Oak, \$229 \$100, \$219 total picked up. 339-8245.

**THREE wheel scooter.** Prem or Pace Saver, dual batteries, 10 wheels, basket and mirror, like new. \$1500 or best offer. 510-357-4111.

**TREADMILL, Electric.** Like new. Electronic read-out for speed, time, distance and calories. Used. Size 24"x67"x17", (bar) 46"x17". \$225, firm. (510) 531-2067.

**BEAUTIFUL Japanese wedding Kimono and haori.** Gold embroidered on white silk background, excellent, \$450. 510-428-2137.

**NEW Wedding dress, \$140, beaded, detachable train, candlelight color. Bought \$995, sell \$375. 510-814-0863.**

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**FOR sale.** The Hus Membership, \$2000. Call Laura, 843-4450.

**607 Miscellaneous Wanted**  
**WANTED:** An old toy train. Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. Lives. 547-1278.

**609 Pets - Care & Supplies**  
**CARE for your pets, water for your plants.** Bonded, insured, John and Mary Beth. 510-986-9227.

**RENTALS**  
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**703 Garage & Storage Rentals**  
**GARAGE:** storage only, 18'x9', secure, \$75/month. Berkeley 883-0605.

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**704 Housing Wanted**  
**\$250 REWARD**  
For information leading to the rental of a 1-2 bedroom house or attached apartment in Montclair, Berkeley Hills or Orinda. Professional. Non-smoking. No pets. References. David, 510-835-1095.

**QUIET professional** seeks cottage or house to stay (preferably with separate entrance). 510-428-0930.

**REWARD \$100.** Successful, stable, single mom looking for 1-2 bedroom apartment in Rockridge, Berkeley, North Oakland. \$1000 range. 559-1853.



**2 BED. APT. RENTALS**  
**Oakland & Piedmont**  
CLEAN, roomy 2 bedroom 1473 MacArthur Blvd. near Highland Hospital Well maintained. Call 444-5779.  
TOWNHOUSE country setting, yard, park, laundry, 3354 Brookside 865-0300.  
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2 bedroom, good light. Fresh paint, new stove, two closets to Lake Laundry. Call 444-5779.

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2nd and 3rd bedroom Good light Elevator, laundry, near Summit Medical Center and BART. Call 444-5779.  
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2nd bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 level apartment. Call 444-5779.  
2nd bedroom near Piedmont Ave., park, laundry, 144 Monte Cresta Ave. 523-3912.

**GREENRIDGE Drive, fourplex off Keller**  
above 1550 freeway. Carpets, drapes, central refrigerator, balcony, coin laundry, 464-4897.

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SPACIOUS townhouse in quiet fourplex on residential street. New paint, carpet and tile. Dishwasher, disposal, gas range. Private yard and large yard, off-street parking. 2509 Warren near Denning 601-1780.

2nd bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, coin, Bay view, fireplace, fireplace. Credit check. Plus deposit. 523-3932.

**FALL SPECIAL**  
Call Hill near Lake Merritt, garage available. 444-5779.

ADAMS Point, 2 baths, spacious, quiet, no pets. No cable. 347 Warwick 444-5779.

2nd bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Very spacious, modern kitchen, new carpets and paint, in well-managed security building near Lake and New Chinatown. Security parking included. 427 Foothill near 5th Ave. 763-6949.

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ADAMS Point area, 81 Vernon. POOL, laundry, garage parking included. Near shopping, Kaiser Center and Lakeside Park. 444-0268.

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LOVELY, sunny apartment in old mansion, hardwood floors, microwave, Cable, laundry, 465-1516.

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LARGE 2 bedroom apartment overlooking Lake Merritt in quiet unit building. Garage \$31. 2829.

2nd bedroom, off-street parking. Fruitvale duplex, lovely yard, off-street parking, separate laundry 1-800-588-8855, ext. 531.

NEW paint, new carpet, close to transportation, quiet fourplex, garage, balcony. 444-5779.

SUNNY quiet Glenview duplex, 3928-3930. Station built units. View. Appliances, carpeting, laundry, garden, garage, storage. Quiet, non-smoking, long-term. No dogs. 510-534-1341.

ROCKIDGE, fireplace, skylight, Nice area. Cats okay. Shared yard. 6422 Colby #3. 432-1676.

**SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM**  
3rd Vernon- Large 2 bedroom in quiet Adams Point 12-plex. Hardwood floors. Garage included. Call 835-8089.

**1920's CHARM ON LAKE**  
2nd bedroom with panoramic Lake views in classically furnished. East-in kitchen. Parking available. Call 51-6969.

**★Piedmont Border★**  
3rd Villa Vista. Sunrises, carpeting, elevator, dishwasher, laundry, garage, storage. No pets. Great management. 565-6757.

**GLENVIEW AREA**  
Hardwood floors, fireplace, washer/ dryer, auto-into attached garage, patio, mini-bldns. 482-8222.

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LAKE Merritt condo. View, secured, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, dining room, patio, parking, laundry, Water. Cable included. 652-1778; 430-933.

CONDO 2 bedrooms, baths, parking, 1900 Hamilton Boulevard across from Montclair Tennis Club. House: Thursday evening, October 24, 7-9. Information: 376-5036.

**PANORAMIC BAY VIEWS**  
2nd bedroom, penthouse near Piedmont, 2000+ sq. ft. Fireplace, den, eat-in kitchen, dining room, 2 baths, 2 baths, privacy, wet bar, washer/ dryer, hot water refrigerator, dishwasher, many closets, private laundry, parking. Great commute. Quiet, close to shopping, laundry, parking. Walk Piedmont shopping. Quiet pet. Appointment only. 3800 Harrison Street. 654-1874. Mid-November move in.

**3+ BED. APT. RENTALS**  
**Oakland & Piedmont**  
THREE bedroom, top unit in 4 unit building. New carpet, paint, washer/ dryer. Great area. 521-4712.  
TOP floor triplex. Private deck, view, vaulted ceiling, all modern, laundry facility. 530-7292.  
SPACIOUS new 3 bedroom, 2 bath in well-maintained condo near Lake. Excellent condition. No pets. Nonsmoking. Parking. WMC 430-3980.  
STATION Ave., upper flat, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/ dryer, parking. Agent 523-1115.  
LAKE Merritt high-rise, view, charming 2 1/2 bath, 3 baths. Fireplace. Parking. Storage. Laundry hookups. Secured building. 1.2 acre private garden/ roof deck. Pet okay. BART 3 blocks. 444-5779.

**COTTAGES FOR RENT**  
El Cerrito & North  
Utilities paid. Bay view, deck, high ceiling, parking, pets. Santa Cruz. #49599-B. 444-5779.

**741 Oakland & Piedmont**  
\$550 SUNNY 1 bedroom cottage, 3537 Laguna Ave. \$750 deposit! Rita, 531-4790.  
\$580 CONVENIENT, large, semi-furnished 1 bedroom, Bay View Free commute to SF. 531-1059 evenings.  
\$725 TWO Bedrooms, parking space, good area, laundry hookups, backyard. No animals. 531-5387, (510) 330-7696.

**HOMES FOR RENT**  
**745 Alameda**  
\$1200 INCLUDES water, garbage. Backyard. No pets. 6 month lease. Owner 523-2226.

**750 Albany & Kensington**  
ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito; two, three, four bedroom cottages, flats, and houses. Berkeley Connection, 444-5779.

**751 Berkeley**  
\$1000 TWO bedroom, fireplace, barn, creek, acreage, 3 neighbors, cows, 18 miles to Berkeley. 372-0517.

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**756 El Cerrito & North**  
\$975 EL CERRITO 2 bedroom. Fireplace, bay view, yard, dishwasher, laundry, Shasta. #49591-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$1050 EL CERRITO older 2 bedroom, sharp, carpets, garage, near BART. Non-smoking. Agent 526-9661.

\$1150 EL CERRITO 3 bedroom, fenced yard, fireplace, near shops and BART 236-8912.

\$2375 THREE bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, luxury, country club. Panoramic Bay views, El Cerrito. 237-5555, 527-7111.

**759 Oakland & Piedmont**  
\$795 ONE bath, dining room, fireplace, fenced yard, 1 car garage. 3214 60th Ave. 287-9986.

\$950 LEONA Heights, nice area. Hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, washer/ dryer, garage, extra room. 339-7152.

\$1050 ADAMS Point newer contemporary townhome, split-level, vaulted ceiling, 2 baths, fireplace, washer, dryer, deck, garage. Possible lease option. 510-339-8578.

\$1070 MONTCLAIR 2 bedroom, 1 bath, view, decks, garage, laundry, quiet. No pets. 945-8036.

\$1200 GLENVIEW, 2 bedroom home, view, garage, newly redecorated, deck, first, last and deposit. 531-1056.

\$1250 PETS definitely welcome! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Washer/ dryer hookups. Garage, storage, large yard. Near transportation. 635-2678.

\$1350 TWO bedroom, 1 bath, Montclair. Maximum privacy, oversized fenced lot, wrap-around deck, sunny, security system. 408-358-9154.

\$1650 PARKWOODS 2 bedroom plus loft, 2 bath, almost brand new. Washer/ dryer in unit. Dorie (agent) 763-9901.

**762 3 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
**Oakland & Piedmont**  
\$1150 THREE bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwoods, wood stove, huge yard, fruit trees. Keller/ 1-580. 635-3812.

\$1200 LARGE 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home, formal dining, hardwood, laundry hookups, huge yard. 523-9300.

\$1300 THREE bedroom, 2 bath Redwood Geodesic home, East Oakland Hills, fireplace, laundry, garage, decks, views, yard. Pets negotiable. 547-8858.

\$1500 ROCKIDGE, charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath, formal dining, den, fireplace, hardwood, laundry, garage, yard, alarm, gardener. BART 420-0393, 652-1778.

**762 3 BED. HOME RENTALS**  
**Oakland & Piedmont**  
\$1900 UPPER Rockridge, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath. Hardwood floors, carpeted bedrooms, modern kitchen, fireplace, deck, garage, alarm, washer/ dryer. Gardener. Near bus route. Non-smoking. 655-2263.

\$1950 CUSTOM 3 bedroom, 4 bath, Upper Rockridge, 3 years new, hardwood floors, spectacular views, patio, gourmet kitchen, and much more. WMC 683-9380.

\$1995 CROCKER Highlands 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Great location! Must see! (415) 826-4223.

\$2200 THREE bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, newer home with immaculate hardwood floors, large kitchen, carpeted upstairs bedrooms, deck and manicured yard. View, private street, double garage, off Redwood Rd. Available November 1st. Call Chuck (Agent) 763-9901.

\$3200 PIEDMONT, furnished/ unfurnished negotiable. Choice location, large deck with SF views for entertaining, formal dining room, all appliances. Large yard. SF transportation at corner. Available November 15. Call 510-544-5449.

**763 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS**  
**Oakland & Piedmont**  
\$1350 LAUREL 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2400 sq. ft., updated throughout, yard, deck, garage, off Maple, available November 1. 430-1215.

\$1800 SPACIOUS 4 bedroom, 3 bath, family home, Bay view, 2 car garage, 2 fireplaces, upgraded kitchen. Available December 1st. Call 338-3336.

\$2000 BEAUTIFUL 4 bedroom, 3 bath Crocker Highlands traditional. In-law or home office with separate entrance. Possible lease option. 256-4483.

\$2295 CUSTOM 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath contemporary home. Vaulted ceilings, formal dining, luxury kitchen, family room, pool, deck, filtered view. Quiet upscale area. Kramer Real Estate 510-948-5200, evening 933-3077.

\$2300 MONTCLAIR Oakmore 4+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Light, airy. Trees, garden, view. Hardwood floors, fireplace, large laundry room. Children/ pet okay. Call, 415-460-0606; leave message.

\$2700 BEST VALUE IN PIEDMONT PINES 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, plus 1 bedroom in-law unit, family room, living room, fireplace, modern kitchen, large 2 car garage, immaculate, filtered view of Canyon. 638-3100.

\$2700 UPSCALE 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath. Gourmet kitchen, hot tub, exercise room, pool, sauna. Family room, fireplaces, trees, fabulous storage, decks, SF/ Marin views! 633-4839.

\$3000 OR FORT, Montclair, 500 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, modern luxury home, 1-3 month rental. 510-935-5488.

\$3500 PIEDMONT, panoramic four bridges view, 4 bedroom, 3 bath. Newly remodeled, quiet location. 408-649-3999.

**764 San Leandro & South**  
\$1800 "BAY-O-VISTA" 3 bedroom, 2+ bath, family room, yard, separate dining room, bright and spacious. No pets. Dorie (agent) 763-9901.

**SHARE RENTALS**  
**774 El Cerrito & North**  
\$350 RICHMOND Avenu. Plus 1/2 utilities, large comfortable home, laundry, fireplace. No pets/ nonsmoking. 524-8822.

\$450 ROOM for rent. El Cerrito near BART. Privacy, lots of light, hardwood floors, fireplace, jacuzzi, 1 1/2 bath, flower gardens, quiet neighborhood. Owner professional woman, 46, highly spirited, non-smoking. 526-8486.

**777 Oakland & Piedmont**  
\$335 PRIVATE, sunny room in spacious Oakland home. Cute, clean, highly furnished. Message, 553-9212.

\$350 PLUS utilities, room for rent, private bath, private entrance, large backyard, references required. 536-9373.

**YOUR SEARCH IS OVER**  
Piedmont area, deck, fireplace, storage, lots of wood, cozy, share with two stable, female professionals. Pets okay. Move-in and call home. Jane 451-5303.

\$410 ADAMS Point, large room with private bath, non-smoking, privileges. Security deposit. 415-773-9251.

\$425 PLUS one-third utilities, private, furnished bedroom/ bath. Lovely Oakland Hills home. Kitchen, living room privileges. Must supply references. 530-8436.

\$450 SHARE sunny house with two professionals. View, quiet neighborhood, yard, fireplaces, laundry. 510-482-2971 Susan.

\$450 SUNNY, 2 bedroom house, small yard, fireplace, laundry in front. Glenview neighborhood. Small family. Very large suite, private entrance, garage, laundry, gardens, panoramic views. Nina. 510-530-1222.

\$550 PIEDMONT, spacious, sunny, quiet 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Views, fruit trees, gourmet kitchen, decks, fireplace, laundry, office. Non-smoking, professional with cat. 530-9185.

\$557 SHARE 3 bedroom house with 1 male, near Piedmont Ave. Studio like bedroom. 420-1004.

\$600 SHARE 2 bedroom house in Rockridge with professional woman. Sunny, hardwood floors, fenced yard, fireplace, washer/ dryer, garden. Included. McAuley Street near BART. 654-5690.

\$625 CUSTOM view home, Oakland Hills. Bedroom, bath, garage. Professional woman, plus 2 cats. Has all the amenities. 530-1707.

**COMMERCIAL RENTALS**  
**781 Alameda**  
OFFICE, RAD, light assembly space available at Alameda Marina. Reasonable rates, off-street parking. 521-1133.

**782 Berkeley & North**  
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**785 Oakland & Piedmont**  
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COLLEGE Avenue official retail. Ground level in charming old building 5 room suite plus entry, kitchen and bath. Approximately 1200 sq. ft. \$1,550. Will move to suit. 420-8181.

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PROFESSIONAL office in charming Victorian building within walking distance to Federal Building and City Center. Revised congenial setting, furnished secretary's office, conference room, Xerox, parking and other amenities included. Contact Jose Casey at the Victorian Legal Center, 465-6511.

MONTCLAIR Office, 820 sq. ft. Ground floor, parking, air conditioned. 339-1912.

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425, 500 sq. ft. Elegant, graceful, nicely divided suites with private bathroom. Can combine. 444-1235.

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One, two, and our room suite now available. Most include all utilities. Rental. All include FREE PARKING for tenants and clients. Law Library, copier, fax available. Perfect for attorneys, other professionals. Classic eight building office complex. Great location in Oakland. One month free rent with Lease. 656-9795.

ROCKIDGE/ College office. Separate bathroom, air conditioning, view, 6 years old, 400 sq. ft. 644-5441.

COLLEGE Ave. retail space, approximately 1000 sq. ft. Ideal for beauty salon or other businesses. Near New library. 633-5811.

ROCKIDGE, 1 block from BART. 6 professional office is attractive converted residence just off College. 1450 sq. ft. including: waiting, kitchen areas. Driveway parking. 653-7429.

**REAL ESTATE SALES & SERVICES**  
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Homes for pennies on the \$1. Delinquent Tax, Exp's, REO's, Your Area. Toll free 1-800-899-9778 ext. H-707 for current listings.

**803 Lofts & Live-Work Space**  
\$1390 1200 SQUARE feet, corner loft, very sunny, includes electricity and parking. 4th Street. Lots 834-7000.

**HOMES FOR SALE**  
Bay Isle Point Executive Home. 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath, 2 Story. Family room, Dining room, Living room. Front room, Intercom, Alarm, Spa, Japanese gardens, Full split screens, Outside lights. Show by appointment. \$362,500. 510-523-4484.

**IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY**  
Spacious tri-level, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, formal dining, large kitchen, sunrises, hardwood floors, fireplace, carpet, extra large double garage. Great location. 3259 Garfield Ave. Needs some gentle TLC. \$229,000. Alameda Realty, Margaret 521-7193, 522-8585.

**816 Albany & Kensington**  
\$1495 KENSINGTON 2 bedroom 1 bath, kitchen appliances included, large yard, formal dining, garage. Kramer Real Estate. 510-946-5200.

**817 Berkeley**  
SPECTACULAR views of 4 bridges dominate this gorgeous 1 year new contemporary. Fabulous quality. Condition \$719,000. Lois Mullin, Pacific Union Residential. 510-743-9330, evenings 836-2128.

**822 El Cerrito & North**  
RICHMOND North and East, very nice 1 bedroom plus study with fireplace, washer, dryer, deck, garage, safe, quiet neighborhood, 105,000. \$100,000. Lease option or 5% down assumption. 510-653-5106.

**825 Oakland & Piedmont**  
\$144,000 LEASE OPTION, \$1,000 down for cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, Dimond area. 895-9151.

\$249,000 BREATHTAKING view Redwood Heights 3 bedroom, 2 bath, near Berkeley. Immaculate. Arxious Agent 462-1144.

4775 FAIR Ave. \$165,000. 2nd 2 bedroom, 1 bath, sunny eat-in kitchen, separate living/ dining area, fireplace, large fenced in lot. Move-in condition. 510-653-3383.

991 SUNNYHILLS Rd. \$629,000 4 bedrooms/ 3 bath, approximately 3000 sq. ft. Beamed ceilings, hardwood floors, new custom deck, wine cellar, huge basement, lots of architectural detail. Agents welcomed. 916-297-6152.

FORECLOSED \$129,000 Contractor special. 2 bedrooms, in-law potential. Views, fireplace, formal dining. Broker. 423-9300.

FOUR bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, hardwood floors, great hills home ready to go. \$248,000. Agent 376-9231.

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**Sennin Foundation**, 10323 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 526-7518. Through October 1996: free classes for children in *Aiki-jujitsu*, an authentic Japanese martial art. Mondays through Thursdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

**Stained Glass Garden**, 1800 Fourth St. 841-2200. Through Nov. 7: An Introduction to Stained Glass, Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. Oct. 26-Nov. 23: Introduction to Stained Glass, Saturday mornings, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**St. John's Senior Center**, 2727 College Ave. People 60 years or over may receive a flu clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**University YWCA**, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. Women's Career Network is free to YWCA members and \$20 for nonmembers. One-hour session of Career Counseling is \$40 members and \$50 nonmembers. Self Assessment for Career Direction is \$120 members / \$130 nonmembers. Classes in Salsa, Ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, Bellydance, Yoga, Aikido, Karate, Aerobics, Fitness Boxing, Pilates-based exercise, Modern Jazz and more begin in mid-Oct. Drop-in fees \$6.50-\$10. Oct. 24: lecture on Dante, Oct. 22: Technical Writing as a Career, noon to 1 p.m. \$3. Oct. 29: Lecture/discussion on Contracting as a Career, from 12 noon-1 p.m.

**Vista Community College**, 2020 Milvia St. 841-8431. Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and 8: "Develop Powerful Presentation Skills with PowerPoint 4.0," from 5-9 p.m. Oct. 26: Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. titled "laws, Ethics and Realities of International Trade." \$6.50.

**Women's Cancer Resource Center**, 3023 Shattuck Ave. 548-WCRC. Oct. 26, 27: Volunteer training.

**Performances**

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**, 1501 Washington Ave., 525-1716. Oct. 26: Celebration of Celtic New Year, will start at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. \$16 general/ \$13 students and seniors. 524-5661.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 525-5054. Oct. 24: Benefit for constitutional challenge to marijuana laws featuring Muruga, Jungular Grooves and many more at 9 p.m. (wear green) \$7-20. Oct. 25: Ecstasy at 9:30 p.m. \$8. Oct. 26: Andrew Carrier and the Cajun Classics at 9:30 p.m. \$8. Oct. 27: Carnival Halloween party for kids with Maria Roberts of Aquarela from 2-6 p.m. Call for price. Two of a Kind at 8 p.m. \$6. Oct. 29: Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. California Cajun Orchestra at 9. \$6. Oct. 30: Calobart at 9 p.m. \$5. Oct. 31: Skalloween Party with Missing Link, Critical Mass, Vibe Raiders and guest at 9 p.m. \$7 or \$5 w/ costume.

**Berkeley City Club**, 2315 Durand. 848-7800. Through Nov. 10: Aurora Theatre Company presents *Seascape*, Wednesday, Saturday 8 p.m./ Sunday 2 p.m. \$18-20.

**Blake's**, 2376 Telegraph Ave. 848-0886. Oct. 24: Jazz Funk Connection with Chiffalaff and Jalopy. Oct. 25: The Mo'fessionals. \$7. Oct. 26: Naked Barbies w/ Sleeping Giants. \$5. Oct. 27: New band w/ Maya. Oct. 28: Steve Gannon and the Monday Blues Jam. \$3. Oct. 29: The Dred Scott Quartet. \$3. Oct. 30: Funk N' Groove—DJ Dancing. \$3. Oct. 31: Lawsuit. Halloween party! \$4.

**Brick Hall**, 2512 San Pablo Ave. 486-1124. Third Thursday of every month: Community Open Mic. Musicians, poets, comics and performance artists of every stripe welcome to practice or work on their material. 7:30-9:30. \$5 suggested donation.

**Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave. El Cerrito. Through Nov. 23: *Murder by the Book*. 8 p.m. on Fri., Sat. 2 p.m. on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. \$10 adults/ \$6 youths. 524-9132.

**First Unitarian Church in Kensington**, Oct. 26: Julian White, pianist, at 8 p.m. \$15/ \$10. 531-4587.

**First Congregational Church**, 2345 Channing Way at Dana. Oct. 30: "Music for an Imperial Court." \$28. There will be a pre-concert discussion with Peter Phillips from 7-7:30 p.m. 642-9988.

**Freight and Salvage**, 1111 Addison St. 548-1761. Music at 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 24: Sally Rogers. \$9.50/ \$10.50. Oct. 25: Kathy Kallick. \$12.50/ \$13.50. Oct. 26: Cats and Jammers. \$12.50/ \$13.50. Oct. 27: Hank Bradley and Cathie Whitesides. \$9.50/ \$10.50. Oct. 28: Andy M. Stewart w/ Gerry O'Beirne. \$13.50/ \$14.50. Oct. 30: Stacy Phillips and Paul Howard. \$8.50/ \$9.50. Oct. 31: Mike Marshall's Choro Famoso and Friends. \$10.50/ \$11.50.

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**St. John's Presbyterian Church**, 2727 College Ave. Oct. 27: San Francisco Symphony musicians perform at 3 p.m. \$13. \$10 students and seniors. 415-584-5946.

**Julia Morgan Theater**, 2640 College Ave. Through Nov. 10: *Racing Hare*. 8 p.m. Thur., Fri. 2 p.m. Sun. \$12 Thur. and Sun. \$16 Fri and Sat. 436-5085.

**Jupiter**, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Phone: THE-TAPS. Oct. 25: Isotope at 5:30 p.m. Corner Pocket at 8 p.m. 26: Sweet 7 at 8 p.m. No cover.

**La Peña Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568. Oct. 25: Thoth at 8 p.m. \$8. Oct. 26: Mazacote at 9:30 p.m. \$8.

**Maybeck Recital Hall**, 1537 Euclid Ave. 848-3228. Oct. 26: Dick Hymann, piano, at 8 p.m. \$30.



# Ableson

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moved to Kensington in July. She is running as a board member for District No. 3 which includes "a tiny piece of El Cerrito," Kensington, the Berkeley hills, the Oakland hills, Piedmont, San Ramon, Danville, Walnut Creek, Alamo, San Lorenzo and Castro Valley.

Ableson hopes to serve as the BART director representing district No. 7, which includes the major portion of El Cerrito and the city of Albany, as well as Richmond south of Macdonald Avenue in Richmond, the western portions of Berkeley and Oakland just below the hills areas, and many areas of San Francisco, including Hunters Point, Potrero Hill, the Tenderloin, and part of the Fillmore District.

(Ableson said about 25 percent of District No. 7's voters live in San Francisco, about 20 percent in Contra Costa County and the remaining 55 percent in Alameda County.)

He would like to see Albany and El Cerrito again represented by a resident of the East Bay.

San Francisco director Will Ussery resigned in July. Ableson said the BART board appointed former San Francisco supervisor Willie Kennedy to the board just one day before the end of the filing period for this November's election. He contends that her appointment "was an attempt by San Francisco politicians to control the BART board."

Ableson feels that "BART has suffered from too many scandals, and the last thing it needs is another San Francisco politician on the board."

Ableson has a long record of involvement in the local community. He served two terms on the El Cerrito City Council, including terms as mayor (1983-84) and vice-mayor (1982-83 and 1987-88).

If elected to the BART board, Ableson said he will serve no more than two terms.

"I think El Cerrito has been served very well by having its council members serve only two terms," he said. "I believe very strongly that it's good to have some turnover in government."

Ableson served as BART director for eight months in 1988, appointed when a seat became vacant. He has been a member of many boards and committees, including the El Cerrito Planning Commission, the Contra Costa County Criminal Justice Agency, the county's Economic Plan Committee and its Community Development Advisory Committee, the West Contra Costa Transportation Committee and the county's Ad-Hoc Intercity Rail Advisory Committee. He has also served as an alternate member to the steering committee of the Caltrans Rail Task Force.

Among many community service involvements, Ableson has served as president of the El Cerrito Foundation, the West County Business & Professional Association, the Albany - El Cerrito Exchange Club, and the El Cerrito Historical Society.

Ableson describes himself as a "lifelong railroad buff"

who has taken a serious interest in mass transit since entering college. He feels that "making BART an attractive alternative to the automobile" should be a central goal for the BART board.

"BART needs directors who understand what it takes to run a railroad," he said.

He said, for example, that while "over a billion dollars is being spent on BART extensions, the BART board has no idea how they are going to come up with the \$230 million for seismic upgrade of the elevated trains' tracks which BART says is necessary within the next 10 years."

The safety of the elevated tracks within El Cerrito and Albany is a major issue. There are over four miles of elevated BART tracks in the two cities. Though the tracks survived the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989, he is concerned about their future safety should the stronger earthquake predicted by experts for the Hayward Fault occur.

Among other issues, Ableson believes the BART board should pay attention to the many details that make BART travel safer and more comfortable for its patrons.

"One very local example is the lack of another set of fare gates at the El Cerrito Plaza station," he said. "That situation has produced some very crowded and potentially dangerous conditions there, when one rush hour train arrives and unloads many passengers, then is followed immediately by a second BART train also unloading many passengers."

Ableson has paid close attention to the progress of BART since its early days. As president of the UC Berkeley Railroad Club, Ableson arranged for the 1964 BART exhibit to be placed in the Cal Berkeley Student Union. The same year, he wrote an article about BART for The California Engineer.

Ableson also served as chairman of the board of the Bay Area Electric Railroad Association for three years. The association preserves the history of the electric railroad, such as the old Key System, which served the East Bay for many years. (Its train crossed the Bay Bridge until 1958.) The association owns the Western Railway Museum in Solano County; some of the old Key System trains still run there.

Ableson graduated from UC Berkeley in 1965 and UC's Hastings College of Law in 1968. He served as deputy district attorney in San Bernardino County and deputy city attorney in Oakland, then went into private law practice in Richmond in 1976. He practices civil law, serving individuals and small businesses.

Howard and his wife, Janet, have lived in El Cerrito for more than 20 years. Three of their five children graduated from El Cerrito High School. They have one child attending E.C.H.S. as a junior and have a first-grader at Harding Elementary School.

The couple has been involved in many community activities in both El Cerrito and Albany, including the PTA, Albany Blue Dolphin Swim Team, and the Albany-El Cerrito Exchange Club.

# Viewpoint

increases.  
The city has fewer police officers than it had four years ago, and fewer per capita than neighboring cities such as Albany. Usually, only three or fewer police officers are on patrol.

The two assessments protect and restore our services. Measure G is not a new assessment. It merely confirms Landscaping and Lighting at its current level of \$6 a month with no increase. Confirmation is essential to maintaining current services.

Measure H, the Fire Suppression Assessment, provides secure funding for half the fire services budget. The State cannot grab these funds. Homeowners would pay about \$10 a month. There are exemptions and deferrals for low income seniors and the disabled.

With fire services secured, in the coming years other needs could be addressed, such as: (1) increased police patrols of the business district along San Pablo Ave., the BART path, and adjacent streets, as well as the rest of the city; (2) improved lighting along the BART path and other critical areas; (3) improvements to the Hillside Natural Area fire road and water supply systems to assure adequate access for firefighting; (4) seismic improvements and repairs to the Public Safety Building and the Community Center; (5) increased emergency preparedness, crime prevention, and graffiti control efforts; (6) restoring library hours from 29 to 40 per week; (7) repairing the deteriorating Swim Center; (8) replacing aging and unsafe playground equipment in City parks; (9) renovating and constructing soccer and baseball fields; (10) retaining Dial-A-Ride services for non-disabled seniors; (11) hiring a Volunteer Coordinator; and (12) attracting new businesses and preserving the quality and appearance of buildings and property.

We must pass the assessments this year, next year is too late. If Proposition 218 on the Statewide ballot passes as expected, only property owners could vote on assessments, in a weighted vote proportional to their property holdings. Absentee commercial property and apartment owners would have more votes than an El Cerrito homeowner. Residents would no longer have the power to stabilize funding for City services. The level of our police and fire services—the protection of our lives and property—could be controlled by these absentee owners. Because of this additional threat to our city services, we support Measure H at the \$10 a month level.

The goal of stabilizing revenues would be undermined if Measure H were to sunset at an artificially predetermined date. The need for public safety services does not sunset. Also, because of Proposition 218, a majority of El Cerrito residents could not reinstate the assessment.

If revenues do not keep pace with the cost of services, the level of services will decline. The cost of services rises and falls with the Consumer Price Index. The Landscaping and Lighting Assessment, still at its original level, now covers only 60 percent instead of 100 percent of the incurred expenses. Measure H includes an appropriate adjustment.

This may be the last opportunity for all the voters of El Cerrito to say YES to stability, service restorations, and a safer and more vital City. Join with us to save our services by voting YES on Measures G and H.

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# Jones

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University in 1988. While at Cal, he "participated in the creation of the first African-American student organization, the nation," both there and at Merritt College. He wrote the first African-American student organization pamphlet. Asked about his involvement, he said, "I participated in 'sit-ins, that kind of thing.'"

After graduating from Cal he began a teaching career that has kept him in the Bay Area. Starting in Berkeley, he went to Alameda, and for the last 20 years he has been in the Oakland public schools.

He currently teaches language arts to elementary school children who have been identified as "limited English speakers." As a language arts specialist, he has worked on projects for children in several schools. He likes to combine art and science with storytelling. "These things open children's eyes to the world."

In short, staccato sentences that suggest a feeling, he elaborates on his educational ideas. He says that reducing class size is crucial for a quality classroom. "This was an issue our strike was about," he says, referring to the Oakland teachers' strike.

As an Oakland teacher he participated in the strike. "It was hardship for everybody," he says, patting his own pocket. "Months without pay." He does not want to see that kind of thing happen in Albany. He hopes that the teachers and district settle their differences after the election. "Teachers are under stress. They have to moonlight."

He believes that his experience as a public school teacher qualifies him for a seat on the School Board. He is intensely aware of the problems teachers face. "Teachers work 50-65 hours a week," he says, spending from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a year of their own money on materials for their classes." He believes the Albany Teachers' Association (ATA) is right to demand more than the 1.8 percent raise they have been offered.

"I would not vote for impasse," he says, referring to a formal request for a state mediator, which both sides and union have at times threatened to make.

Asked where the money for salary raises should come from, he doesn't hesitate to answer. "The money should come from the reserve," he says, simply. He believes the district's spending priorities are not correct. He would like the district's spending priorities to be correct. He would like the district office—that money could go to teacher salaries instead."

His understanding of the Albany situation is based on what he knows about the Oakland district, where he is a member of the Budget Advisory Committee.

He makes other comparisons between what he knows in Oakland and what he thinks is possible in Albany. He says that the other candidates, he thinks that the school district should have a better partnership with the city. He would like to see more city-run after-school recreational programs in Albany, "to keep kids out of trouble." He would like to see more programs for teenagers, as there are in Oakland. These programs, he thinks, could be sponsored by both the city and the district.

The city, he says, could also give more support to the district by finding space for classrooms in underutilized buildings. That's how it's done in Oakland, he says. When asked whether Albany's small size won't make it harder to find vacant spaces, he says the city still has a lot of help the district meet the current class size reduction goal. Asked for specifics, he suggests that the YMCAs in the former library might be usable.

He believes that bond money should be used for upgrades of the present school buildings, as well as upgrading the library and computer facilities within existing schools. "What will happen if we have an earthquake?" he asks. "I worry also about the heating, plumbing, and electrical systems. Spend Measure A money on these, and then, if you have something left over, build a new school."

Jones also believes that more minority teachers should be hired in Albany. "Ethnicity is changing in Albany. We need more multicultural education. Everyone's talking about it is the issue."

At schools where he teaches, he says, students have a common respect for each other. "We're all in a world of African-Americans, Mexicans, Pacific Islanders, children from Pago Pago... We need to learn each other's culture, bridge the gap of understanding." He believes that Albany may eventually need bilingual teachers, although "if you're a teacher and dedicated, you reach any child, no matter their language."

He is a strong supporter of affirmative action programs, and opposes state Proposition 209. "I am all in favor of affirmative action and so is my wife. It opens avenues where we couldn't go in before. I expect that personally, especially here in Albany. My name is on the substitute teacher list, but I never got a call. He believes that his ethnicity played a major part in that."

Nevertheless, he doesn't seem bitter about the things he has worked out for him. At the moment, he is most concerned about getting back to his marriage. "I walk seven miles a day, twice a week," he says, smiling, "but today it's only 3-1/2 miles." With that, the candidate walks briskly off into the warm twilight.

# Kosel

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November ballot. (See accompanying article.)

One of Kosel's main areas of focus as mayor was on transportation issues, serving as liaison to several regional boards in that capacity. It has been a longtime interest.

"I probably served the longest term ever served on the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee," she said. "I'm also the longest-serving commissioner on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, including service as vice-chair."

"In those capacities, I was able to reassign about \$1.5 million of roadways funding into transit projects. I'm real proud of that."

As an El Cerrito City Council member, Kosel several times spoke strongly to the need to support both AC Transit and BART, rather than continually pouring money into new roads in the area. She also strongly advocated for the need for mixed use development around local transit hubs. Those issues remain central in her thinking.

As chair of the planning committee of the CCTA, she brought to the CCTA a plan for growth management which the Authority believes is the first of its kind in the country. Jurisdictions in West Contra Costa County are currently discussing details of the proposed "Subregional Transportation Mitigation Plan," by which new developers would contribute fees toward transportation mitigation to the Authority to be distributed to highway improvement and mass transit improvement projects.

"In other words, if you want to develop 5,000 homes somewhere, you can do that, sell them all, run to the bank and leave all of us to deal with the traffic problems you've created," Kosel said. "You just can't do that here in West County any more."

"I'm a key architect of that program, and I'm real proud of that."

Cities and CCTA staff will be discussing in upcoming weeks what level of fees to set that will provide mitiga-

tions without 'scaring off' developers. Kosel notes, however, that the developers will themselves receive some benefits from the proposed plan.

"If these guys are developing homes in the area, they'll get higher prices (if transportation options are attractive)," she said.

Kosel also noted that one suggestion from the committee was to include options for developers, so that they could provide a park-and-ride lot, wiring for telecommunications in new housing, or commercial/retail development around BART nodes ("to create a jobs/ housing balance") as alternative mitigations.

Kosel sees transportation as a key issue for any leader in local government.

"I think that our transportation system in general is the key to the economic development and health of our cities," she said. "I think in the city of El Cerrito, our urban village concept around the Del Norte station and the plans we have for the Plaza area really help to prove that those BART nodes are underused and are the key to economic development in our city."

Kosel describes several BART stations "throughout the system" as "isolated." She gives the Fruitvale station as one example.

"It could have housing and retail and jobs around it," she said. "Pleasant Hill is already doing that.... Rockridge has developed itself as a wonderful urban village on its own. It should be left alone."

Some of the stations BART has just added, such as the North Concord station, are prime candidates for "some good land use planning around them... providing houses and jobs," she said.

Kosel wants the board to use the system as more than a transit mechanism but as a tool for ensuring economic health in the region.

"I think I differ from some of the other candidates in that," she said. "They're concentrating on how to run the train system better."

That's also an issue for Kosel.

"We do need to run the system better," she said. "The 'perception of safety' issue is one key area, particularly for women."

"I think women see BART trains and the surrounding areas of the stations as unsafe at night. If we are going to build up our fares, we need to increase our ridership. That means increasing the perception of safety."

One of "the first things" Kosel would like to do in that area is to "get the BART cops out of their cars and on bikes."

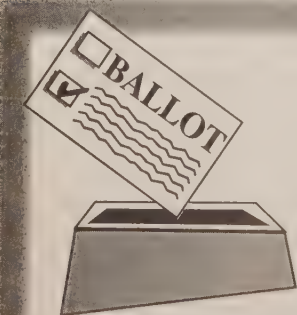
"I've never understood why they're in cars, when they could just take their bikes on the train. Wouldn't people feel safer knowing there was a cop on the train?"

"Director Nakatagawa is very dedicated, very likable and very ineffective," she said. "He has abstained on all major issues, including (issue concerning) BART and the San Francisco Airport."

Kosel graduated from UC Berkeley in 1970 and has since completed post-graduate work there. She has extensive teaching experience, including teaching on special assignment as the special assistant to the associate superintendent of schools, chairing the photography department at El Cerrito High School, writing curriculum for the Richmond Unified Schools, the San Diego City Schools, and Alta Bates hospital, training student teachers at UC Berkeley and E.C.H.S., and teaching high school English in San Diego and El Cerrito.

Among many other community involvements, she served as mayor of the city of El Cerrito from 1990 to 1991 and from 1995 to 1996, as executive producer of Bay Vision East "Crosstalk" on cable television, as chair of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency from 1991 to 1992, as chair of the city of El Cerrito Childcare Subcommittee and as a member of the El Cerrito Planning Commission.

Kosel has obtained a long list of endorsements. They include the mayors of El Cerrito, Berkeley, Richmond and seven other East Bay cities, Contra Costa Supervisors Tom Torlakson and Jim Rogers, EBMUD directors Katy Foulkes and Mary Selkirk, AC Transit director Ruth Ganong, and assemblyman Bob Campbell among others.



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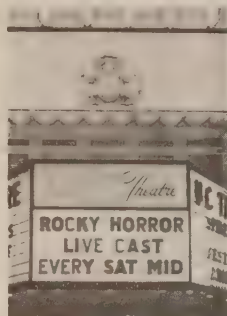


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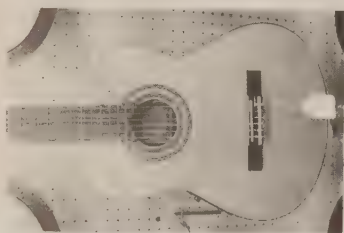
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## Berkeley loves to go to the movies

By Marc Breindel

Some businesses get better with age, and none more so than Berkeley's grand movie houses of the 'teens.

Built just as Europe went off to fight the Great War, leaving Hollywood top Doberman in the dog-eat-dog world of moving pictures, the Elmwood, Calif., United Artists and UC theaters have outlived most of their contemporaries to make Berkeley one of the film capitals of the world.

That's a distinction the city takes seriously. Two years ago the Elmwood (formerly Strand) Theater reopened after a devastating fire, thanks to a \$215,000 municipal loan and much neighborhood support. This month the UC Theater is using a smaller city grant to refurbish its own weathered facade.

The UC Theater, Berkeley's last single-screen cinema, opened on June 30, 1917. Architect James W. Plachek designed the building; he would later draft Berkeley's Central and North Branch libraries, as well.

The 2,000-seat UC Theater cost Luther Williamson — who lived across the street on University Avenue — only \$25,000 to construct. The pipe organ Williamson installed to accompany his silent films set him back by as much as the building itself — \$25,000.

Of course, film prices were lower then as well, and Williamson's first customers got a full evening's entertainment for their nickel. The fun started with the high-tech coin slots at the door, new Voglesong "pay-as-you-enter" coin machines that were even fancier than those on the trolley cars outside.

The original Saturday night program consisted of the William S. Hart's western drama *Wolf Lowry*, the Hearst-Pathe Daily News, a Paramount Burton Holmes Travelogue, and a "big comedy" entitled *His One Night's Stand*. Tenor Cletus I Howell of the U.C. Glee Club sang before every show.

Then as now, Berkeleyans supported noble causes at the movies. One month after the UC Theater opened, it hosted a "Monster Red Cross Benefit" at which a film of the play *Joan the Woman* was screened.

In 1947 the UC Theater suffered a fire like the one that that would gut the Elmwood 40 years later. It was remodeled the following year to look essentially as it remains today, except that it then had 1,600 seats.

Gary Meyer, who changed the UC Theater in 1976 from a first-run "white elephant" to a thriving repertory house, eliminated 350 more seats in 1984 to provide still more leg room.

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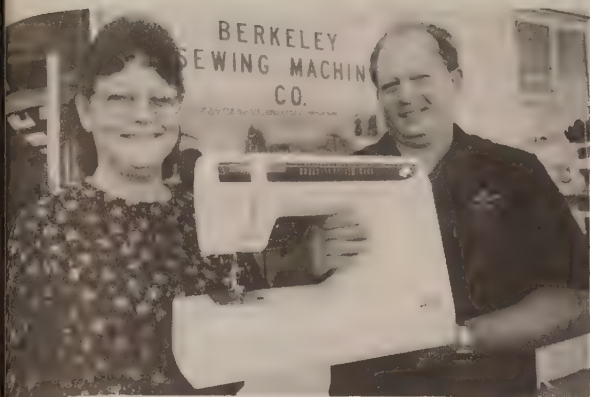
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# Here for the long term: Local businesses turn 50+



Dale and Sandy Thomas at Berkeley Sewing Machine Co.

Noah Berger

The Berkeley Sewing Machine Company is one of a handful of businesses that have been in Berkeley since the turn of the century and haven't changed much since then. While the world outside appears to rotate 180 degrees every generation, these stores just keep making things Berkeleyans count on — clothing, furniture, household supplies, metal products — year after year, the way the tide keeps bringing in fish. Computer-aided design is the latest rage at the Berkeley Sewing Machine Company. Just draw a picture or sign your name, scan it in like a photocopy and presto! — You've got a monogrammed, full-color cross-stitched patch without even moving the cloth.

Other than that, nothing much is new.

"People say 'You see any changes in Berkeley?'" said owner Dale Thomas, "and I say 'A lot of changes, but not in my shop.'"

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Not that they're just sitting still. Since opening in 1905, the Berkeley Sewing Machine Company has moved from Campanile Court (the alley beside Poppely Designs) to University Avenue near Shattuck, to its current home on Berkeley Way near Shattuck and University.

During that 91-year, two-block trek, the store's five different owners have expanded, consolidated, and gradually assimilated new technologies from electricity to

Velcro to the computerized monogram maker on which Thomas recently embroidered 250 jackets for his fishing team.

Thomas, who is charged with fixing all those new-fangled devices, says it's really not so hard to keep up with the changes.

"You crawl into that so slowly that you don't even notice it," Thomas said.

Down the street at Berkeley Ace Hardware on University Avenue (also its fifth downtown address), the biggest change since 1894 may be the prices. Whereas a model airplane kit could be had for little more than lunch money a generation ago, today you need plastic just to finance your plastic.

"Twenty years ago when a kid wanted to buy a (model) kit, he'd put out a lemonade stand and save up until he had \$1.30 or whatever it cost," said General Manager Bill Carpenter, whose father-in-law owns the store. "Now they have to rely on Mom and Dad to give them an allowance that's big enough to cover it."

Carpenter points to the Bristol MK 32 Superfighter jet from Airfix. That small model kit sold for about \$1.30 in the 1960s, according to Carpenter. Today it's listed at \$16, and not even the picture on the box has changed.

Other items have been updated. Pine box racing cars, for example, now come largely pre-assembled, leaving less whittling to do before sending them down the ramp. That helps the cars keep up with the video games and other consumer electronics that Carpenter finds himself competing with, sometimes to his chagrin.

"I think instant gratification is one of the problems of modern society," Carpenter said. "Kids want something they can just slap together and have it ready."

The same could be said of their parents. Unlike a hundred years ago,

today many of Berkeley Hardware's hobby shop customers are grownups collecting science fiction memorabilia. As a result, high-tech epoxies have replaced plain old plastic in Star Wars action figures and Japanese robots, sending the price of a new doll to well over \$50 even before the collector's markup.

By Marc Breindel

"People keep telling me I'm selling them too cheap, that they're collectibles as soon as they come out," said Carpenter, "but I don't want to gouge anybody."

Oddly enough, the recession of the '90s hasn't cut into Carpenter's toy sales as deeply as his hardware business, which is only now

beginning to recover.

Carpenter reasons that people put off expensive home improvements during hard times, and focus on the still relatively cheap diversion of arts and crafts. "The hobby and hardware combination is a pretty good one," Carpenter said. "It tells me what's going on with the economy."

## Downtown music



Noah Berger

Homemade music is also recession-proof, as Tupper & Reed has proven over its 90 years on Shattuck Avenue. The decline of Berkeley's downtown actually hurt business more than the recent national slump, according to owner Cary Nasatir, and even that seems to be turning around now.

Tupper & Reed boasts the largest selection of sheet music in the Bay Area. And as long as there are instruments to play, Nasatir believes there will be customers for Tupper & Reed.

"We're big," Nasatir said. "We like it. We've got a lot of stuff here."

Tupper & Reed has always been a relatively contemporary store. The founders — Tupper and Reed — shared a lively home and are rumored to have been lovers nearly a century before Hawaii considered institutionalizing gay marriage.

Modern in business as well as in their social lives, Tupper and Reed sold one of the most high-tech items of their era: the Victrola. Today their store carries electronic keyboards and midi synthesizers, and has started branching out into public address systems as well.

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# Turning 100 on Telegraph Avenue

Sometimes you feel like moving, but...

J. Gorman and Son on Telegraph Ave. has always been more traditional. Like Berkeley Hardware, J. Gorman and Son has been around almost since the beginning of Berkeley history; the former was founded in 1880, the latter in 1894. Unlike Tupper & Reed, Gorman and Son and Berkeley Hardware have always been passed down from father to son or son-in-law, with wife or daughter usually keeping the books.

Current co-owner Bob Gorman's great grandfather John O'Gorman first came west from Ireland by way of Chicago in the 1870s to marry one Margaret Guy, whose parents had just moved to San Francisco from the Midwest. O'Gorman immediately made a name for

himself (without the "O") selling modern (as opposed to goose down) mattresses to Berkeley's School for the Deaf and Blind.

If much has changed for the Gormans since 1880,

**'We just felt Berkeley was going downhill (in 1969). As it turned out, Berkeley did better than Concord.'**

—BOB GORMAN

even more has stayed the same. While Berkeley went through social revolutions, J. Gorman and Son went right on making unfinished pine furniture. They have even maintained the same simple, elegant lines locals have favored from the beginning.

"I don't know if it's that Berkeley has a cleaner style or what," Gorman said, "but it's always been that way."

Today Gorman sells more Shaker furniture than anything else, proof that some things don't change, even in the cosmopolitan Bay Area. Even the computer desks that have recently become popular are available in the craftsman-like Shaker style.

There's also a return to such old-fashioned luxuries as the rocking chair, now redesigned to slide forward and backward smoothly and without lifting, called a "glider" rocker. About the only thing new at J. Gorman and Son is that the wood stain is water-based for safety and environmental friendliness.

Business hasn't always been so smooth. Looking around at all the Arts and Crafts bungalows Berkeleyans treasure today, it's hard to imagine Gorman once doubted his store would survive here. But in 1972 he and his sons Steve and Larry opened a second outlet in Concord, just in case the many riots of political

protest never ended.

Gorman still keeps the old boards for his windows, but he's pleased to report that Telegraph has been much quieter since the 1970s. By the late 1980s Gorman's largest concern was that homeless people would scare away customers, and he gradually let go of his plan to move over the hill to Contra Costa as he feared he might be forced to do in 1969.

"We just felt Berkeley was going downhill at that point," Gorman said, "and we wanted to have an alternative. As it turned out, Berkeley did better than Concord."



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It's not unusual to have such an onslaught of visitors in downtown. New pedestrian lighting, the "EZ Park" parking validation program, landscaping, and improved pedestrian crosswalks have made Downtown Berkeley a more attractive place to work, live and play.

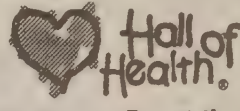
Enhancements to the area continue with The Downtown Berkeley Public Improvements Plan. This endeavor encompasses the Center Street Plan funded by a Transportation Enhancement Activities grant from the Federal Government. The project, designed to spruce up the corridor that links Downtown to the University of California, includes plans to widen sidewalks, install more lighting, and enhance the landscaping.

The Downtown Berkeley Public Improvements Plan also called for the development of the Arts District on Addison Street. Since the project's inception, some of the best local design talent has come together to reconfigure the streetscape as an attractive, distinctive public space that can serve as an outdoor venue for arts and cultural events. Once completed, the planned public space improvements will help catalyze new cultural activity in the surrounding buildings, including a second 500-seat main stage for the Berkeley Repertory Theater.

The Downtown enhancements have really paid-off. Downtown Berkeley welcomed several new neighbors within the past year. Companies such as Egghead Software, Sonoma Valley Bagels, Berkeley Billiards, and J. Nesbits have signed new leases in the Downtown district.

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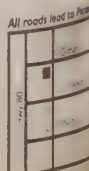
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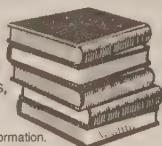
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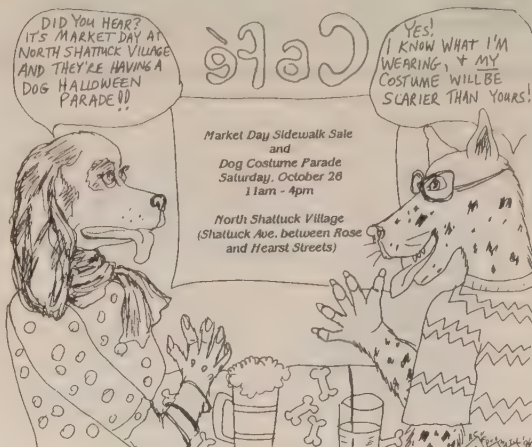
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## It's Market

# North Shattuck

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Berkeley - North Shattuck Village, AKA Gourmet Ghetto, has a new look. For the past three months the City of Berkeley has been planting trees and widening the street. The new and improved "Shopper Friendly" Shattuck Avenue will be the site of the third annual "Market Day/Sidewalk Sale" and Wacky Dog Parade on Saturday, October 26th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Scores of unique shops, restaurants, bistros, retail stores and services that line one of the East Bay's most popular and distinctive destination points will flow onto the new and improved sidewalks with bargains and culinary delights. Martin Snapp will be joined by Country Joe McDonald and Mayor Dean's assistant Tamlyn Bright in judging the Wacky Dog Parade & contest. Marching bands and street performers will entertain.

### Gathering Along Shattuck Avenue's Gourmet Ghetto

If you love franchise food you should do your holiday shopping

at The Great Mall, but if you like to break up your routine with different and unique culinary delights then Shattuck Avenue is for you. The Char Coterie called Piggy Back (now the Cheeseboard) is no more than a delicious but Alice Water's **Chez Panisse** is going strong. This birthplace of California cuisine is now entering its 26th year and is responsible for giving the Bay Area and the world a third generation of celebrity chefs.

Across the street from Chez Panisse on the north side of Shattuck Avenue is the 30-year-old world-famous **Cheeseboard** featuring over 350 varieties of designer cheeses produced by small rural family farms and dairy farms. The Cheeseboard is a cooperative of 25 small producers whose commitment to the community includes the donation of 10 percent of their Saturday proceeds to the Berkeley Education Foundation as well as donations of 24 freshly baked bread and five logs of cream cheese to the Dorothy Day House.

Classic Confections at 1469 Shattuck Avenue continues to offer elegant and beautiful cakes. Pastry Chef Joe Rhiel offers classes the next four Sundays for anyone who wants to learn the tricks of the trade. Reservations are required as space around the wheel is limited.

After the gourmet has gathered, cheese, bread and dessert they can cross Shattuck Avenue to the Berkeley Wine Company. The Company has its own import licenses and representatives travel the vineyards of California and Europe tasting the reserve wines from barrels and bottling for their very own Berkeley Reserve label. The North Berkeley Wine Company insists that these wines are not filtered or fined.

Between Safeway, Andronico's and the Gourmet Ghetto's unique Produce Center at 1500 North Shattuck Avenue, all the finest ingredients can be obtained for your own personal masterpiece. If you prefer not to go, you may want to stop by Poulet at 1685 Shattuck Avenue. Marilyn Rinzel has been roasting the most lip-smacking chickens at Poulet since 1979.

Dessert? For the last 43 years the Bakery at 1690 Shattuck has been turning out delicious freshly baked cakes, cookies and things out of its busy ovens.

Food For Thought

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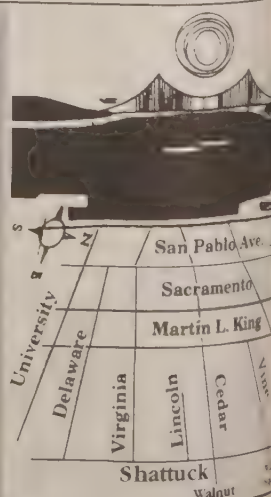
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## Feast For The Eyes

Your grocery bag down for a few minutes at the oldest owned cooperative in the East Bay. The ACCI Gallery at Shattuck boasts 120 member artists who participate in a rotating revolving showings of their fine and affordable creations. Before you purchase your evening fowl at Poulet treat yourself to a trip back in time at Camps and Cottages next door at 2109 Virginia Street. Historic pennants, Adirondack chairs, handmade rag rugs, 1940 resort cabin lamps, whimsical houses... it's a setting that is guaranteed to take you back to a simpler and simpler time. String along your adventure with a stop at Baubles & Beads located at 1676 Shattuck. This clean and bright place for hobbyists is home to literally millions of items including glass, ceramic and metal jewels from all over the world.

## It's Not On Shattuck Avenue Then Probably Don't Need It

Between Rose and Delaware Streets there are scores of shops, services, salons, bistros, bars, cafes and restaurants. No trip to the Gourmet Ghetto is complete without visiting the many special emporiums in Walnut Square and Shattuck Commons. Papyrus at 1481 Shattuck is a whole dedicated to all things paper. M. Lowe & Company at Shattuck features unique antique and contemporary jewelry. Why bother with Circuit City and a mass of human lemmings when you can get the very best electronics and terrific prices at Dale Sanford's TV & Video located at 1509 Shattuck. Among the numerous chic designer apparel shops on Shattuck Avenue is the brand new Bienvenue at 1525 Shattuck. Leslie is expecting many customers who used to at her campus location for the last 12 years to check out her specials on Market Day's Sidewalk Sale. You may want to stop on your vitamins before the Wacky Dog Parade at Vitamin Express located at 1400 Shattuck and after your dog has the ribbon you can celebrate by treating yourself to a drink over at the Vine Street Salon at 2118 Vine Street. As the Gourmet Ghetto will fall in love with the whole neighborhood. They can check it out further at Mason Haffie, 1539 Shattuck, or Coldwell Banker, 1677 Shattuck.

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# Through the windshield

■ A Berkeley Police Department officer sees some memorable sites during lulls on patrol.



Caboose, Fourth and Virginia

By Rudi Raab

**P**olice officers are trained to be very observant. We patrol our beats and look for the unusual. Of course it is crime, or a person in distress, that we are usually looking for, but in the course of driving the city, especially on a slow night or during graveyard shift, the things that can be seen and learned about Berkeley far exceed what is written in an officer's manual.

Nobody told me that on some warm summer nights, for example, the cats on my beat all sit under the left rear corners of the gas tanks of their owners' cars and look at me. On my second pass through the area, they actually seem to be smiling at me. Week after week, they always seem to be there. We get to know each other.

There are many things about my beat I have learned, and many more that I see and just wonder about. The municipal code prohibits parking a car for more than 72 hours. But what about a caboose? It must be O.K., although there is no ordinance that seems to cover it. The caboose on my beat hasn't been there for more than, say, 15 years. I hear someone named Mr. Drew is storing it for a friend. It's a landmark for me. I sometimes wonder where the caboose was when it still had a job. I like it at Fourth and Virginia. I hope that nobody will move it.

The northern boundary of my beat is a creek. I like that too. Countries have natural borders like

oceans and mountain ranges. I have a creek. You can hear it on nights in the winter when it is raging white water. Sometimes I think about what Berkeley looked like when all its creeks were still on the surface. It must have been a grassy plain with some oaks and willows along Codornices, Schoolhouse, Strawberry and Dwight creeks.

When the people came, they built some very simple farm houses. There are still two of them left. One is at Hearst and Curtis. I like the way it is being maintained. And then there are remnants of the old farms, water tanks and Aeromotors, windmills which operated the wells. There is one in the 1100 block of Francisco and one at Seventh and Harrison streets.

**T**he center of the early city was at Hearst between Eighth and Ninth. There are two lovely Victorian churches in that area. Someone told me one of them was built by the congregation in one month. Everyone helped!

In those days, that area wasn't Berkeley, but the city of Oceanview. It was older than Berkeley. Although it was eventually swallowed up by Berkeley, Oceanview lives on in its buildings. I think Schoolhouse Creek was its northern border once; I can just imagine how it must have looked. A Victorian, single-room school with a creek in the back yard. When I see the culvert that leads into the bay just next to the old dump road at West Frontage road, I can see the creek and hear the

kids at the school.

It's almost the same feeling you get when you walk along Bolivar Drive in Aquatic Park. The edge of the walkway at the water is the old bayshore. This was where the Native Americans stepped into the water to catch oysters and clams. Everything west of here is just bay fill. Imagine the freeway gone and the tracks behind you. The bayshore led north from here and past the west side of Spenger's parking lot. That's where the first Spenger and his sons landed their catch of fish.

When you look at the Spenger complex at Fourth street, you notice it is a collection of buildings patched together as the family business grew. If you look at the center building, you see the old pre-Victorian Spenger family residence. It is still there.

**I** like to go on foot patrol. I see and hear things when I get out of my car that I don't notice through the windshield. Once I was challenged by a dog who thought the sidewalk was too narrow for both of us. He gave up and walked with me. I noticed there were some dog prints in the concrete sidewalk. At the end of the block was the imprint of the contractor who laid the walkway in 1908. That's when the other dog walked in the moist concrete. I wonder what color fur that long-gone dog had or what his name was. I catch myself sneaking a look at the paws of the dog who is walking with me. No concrete there.

There are other signs in concrete in Berkeley that talk about its past. The Solano Tunnel was originally built for the great Key System, the electric streetcars that once ran from Berkeley to San Francisco. When you drive west from the 1800 block of Solano Avenue, you can see where the street car tracks used to be. They have been filled in with concrete. One track vanishes under Andronico's market and another a block farther west.

One street north of Solano is a little half-block street called Station Place. It was named after the important Key System station at the top of Solano Avenue.

More signs of the old system can be seen in the



Ethiopian Church, Eighth and

Marina. Walking on the Berkeley pier, look at the patched holes in the concrete at regular intervals where the rails were fastened to the pier. Trains ran on the pier, carrying passengers to the San Francisco ferries long before the Bay Bridge was built. It's all still there, in plain sight. Berkeley still harbors unexpected links to the past, like the houses of Oceanview and the prints. The history of Berkeley isn't gone. You just have to know how to look for it.



Water tower, Seventh and

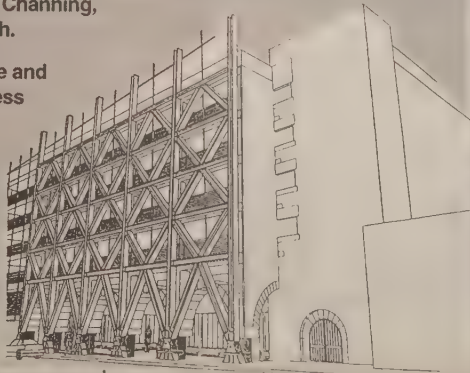
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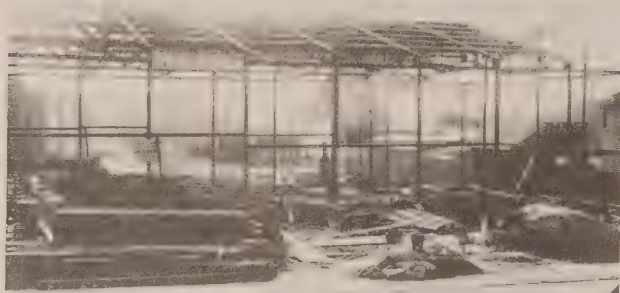
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Right: Berkeley's United Artists Theater on Shattuck Avenue started as a live vaudeville house in the 1920s. Originally one large theater with a wide balcony, the UA seated 1,600 people and had room to spare for velvet lounges that doubled as Red Cross nursing centers during World War II. Subdivided into four movie theaters in the 1970s and then seven in the 1980s, the UA still carries remnants of its glamorous past: The elaborate backstage area behind the screens is said to house the ghost of a theater actress who died in her dressing room, plus hidden treasure left by an ex-employee who wound up at Alcatraz Prison; below: UC Theater on University under construction and, newly completed.



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## Vintage businesses

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Henry Macaulay bought the San Francisco foundry during California's economic depression of 1896, and was soon making iron pumps to drain the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley marshes for farmland. Decades later Macaulay would help build the pumps that siphoned water from the Colorado River into the new city of Los Angeles.

But that was after it had moved across the Bay. For in 1906 the Macaulay foundry, like many other firms, was destroyed in the great San Francisco earthquake and fire and reopened in Berkeley. Two large pumping stations Macaulay then produced to protect San Francisco from future fires remain in use today.

Four years after the great

quake, Macaulay was one of 84 manufacturing plants in and around the Oceanview neighborhood, a new center of West Coast industry. Working with those neighboring factories, Macaulay helped build some of the state's first gas-burning automobiles, trains, and airplanes. Among those was the original Boeing aircraft and Henry Miller's championship Indianapolis 500 racing cars.

War was also good for the foundry. The Spanish-American War helped California and Macaulay escape the depression of 1896, and World Wars I and II brought the foundry greater wealth still. Macaulay sold engine parts for military ships and airplanes from China to Russia to England and France,

and in the process drew thousands of iron workers to the East Bay.

By the wane of the Cold War, Macaulay had already returned to primarily civilian manufacture. Still, the dismantling and relocation of many other military factories took a toll on the foundry, from which it is just now recovering.

"If one company closes," said Dennison, "it has a domino effect on many others."

Recently the foundry has produced parts for Pacific Gas & Electric, Lawrence Livermore Laboratories, Hewlett Packard and Caterpillar Trucks, among others. Macaulay even helped build the cars for Disneyland's new Indiana

Jones amusement ride.

Like other old Berkeley manufacturers, the foundry remains largely unchanged after a century of operation. The new alloys are more sophisticated than the iron and steel Macaulay once forged, and solar energy powers some of the turbines Macaulay's union workers now produce, but at the end of the day it's still a privately-owned company making casings and motor parts.

Macaulay foundry, like the Berkeley Sewing Machine Co., Berkeley Ace Hardware, Tupper & Reed and J. Gorman and Son, has proven itself more than just some quaint relic of a bygone golden age. A century after their birth, Berkeley's oldest businesses still have something to sell.

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# Fall on Fourth Street

## Fourth Street: The Development of a Unique Shopping District

by Dawn Frasier

Architects and city planners all over the country are looking for the secret to satisfying urban living.

Berkeley developers Denny Abrams and Rick Millikan (Associates) seem to have discovered at least one aspect of that secret in their planning and developing of Berkeley's Fourth Street shopping district.

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"The basic philosophy is that the store has to be interesting," says Abrams.

"We don't want anyone that lives off the street. Instead, everyone helps to create it."

The overall goal for his mix is a shopping area oriented to the home and design, he says, "with a few clothing shops for interest."

"The last thing I want to do is create a shopping area that's like you'd find at every third freeway stop," says Abrams.

He believes a street area that encourages social interaction is an important element in "restoring the urban fabric."

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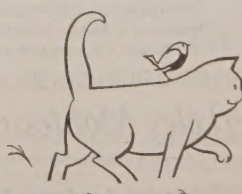
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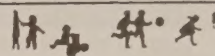


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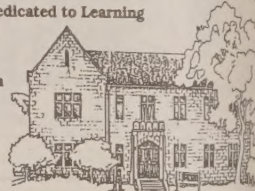
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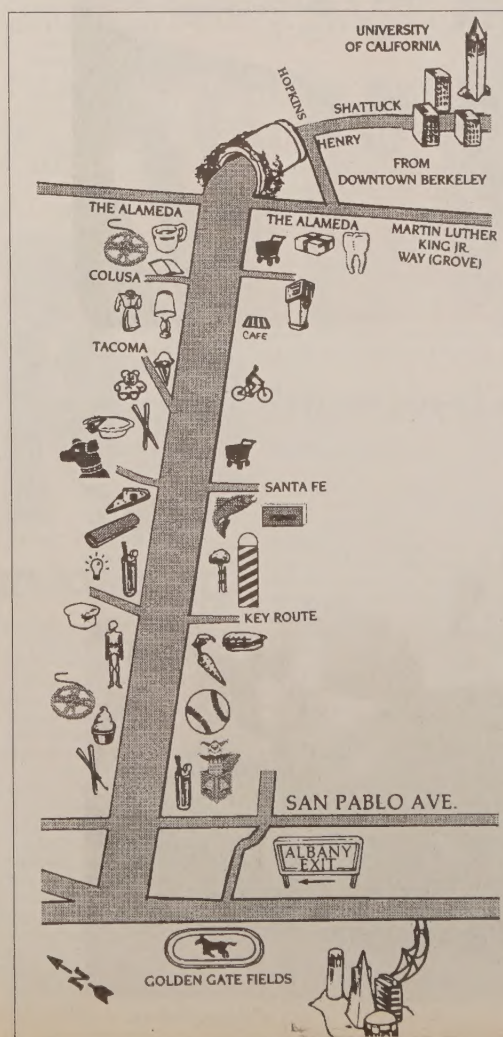
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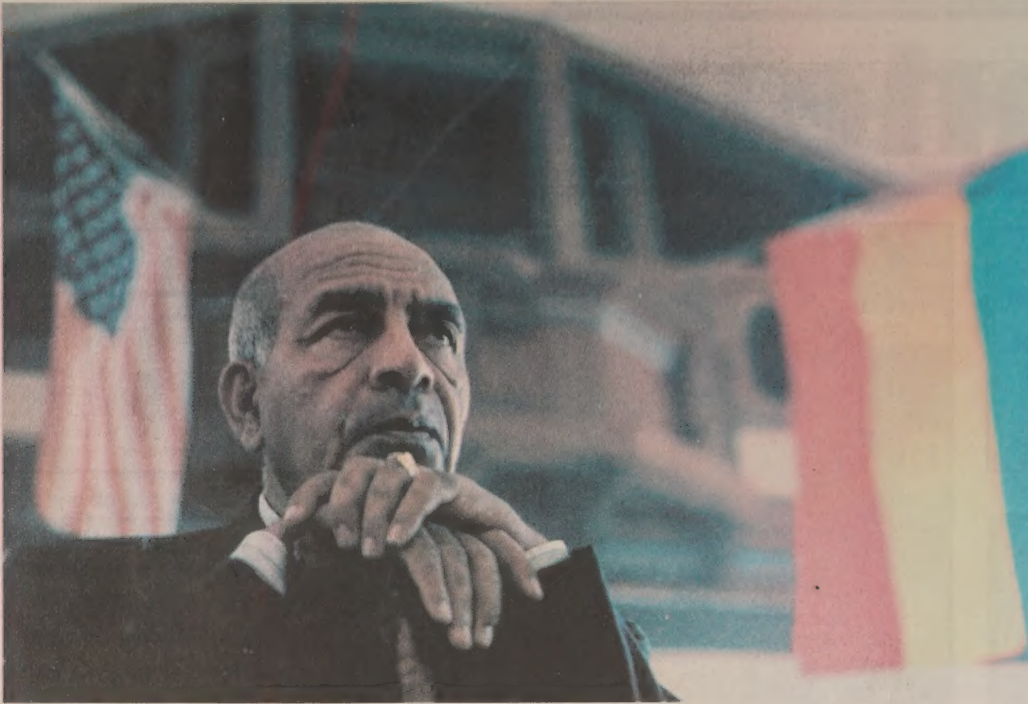
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